

SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS
"SEA OF MYSTERY"
THAT THE AIRMEN FEAR
SO MUCH!

MING'S AIR FLEET
WILL NEVER FIND
US HERE!



HAVING ESCAPED FROM MING'S CITY,
FLASH, DALE AND DR. ZARKOV HEAD
INTO THE TREACHEROUS FOGS WHICH
COVER THE "SEA OF MYSTERY"

QUICK, FLASH, OPEN THAT
DOOR—WE'LL HAVE TO JUMP
AND TAKE OUR CHANCES!
DROWNING IS BETTER THAN
BEING ROASTED ALIVE!



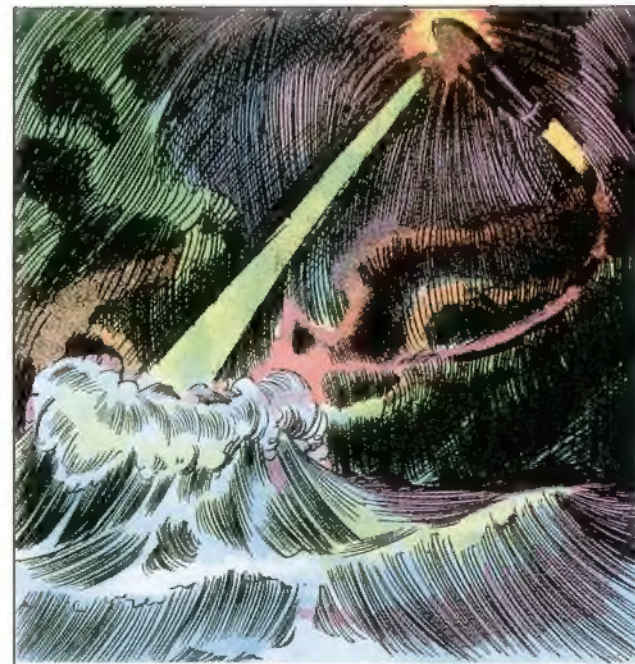
SUDDENLY, THE SHIP LURCHES WILDLY
AND CHANGES ITS COURSE

THEY'RE RIGHT TO
SHUN THIS SEA—OUR
INSTRUMENTS HAVE
GONE CRAZY!



THE ROCKET SHIP PLUNGES, HISSING,
INTO THE SEA, NEAR A ROCKY
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FROM THE MYSTERIOUS DEPTHS OF
THE SEA, A MAGNETO-RAY SEIZES THE
ROCKET SHIP—ITS NOSE GLOWS
HOTLY

FLASH! ZARKOV,
WHERE'S FLASH?

HE—HE WENT DOWN
LIKE A STONE, DALE—
I COULDN'T REACH
HIM



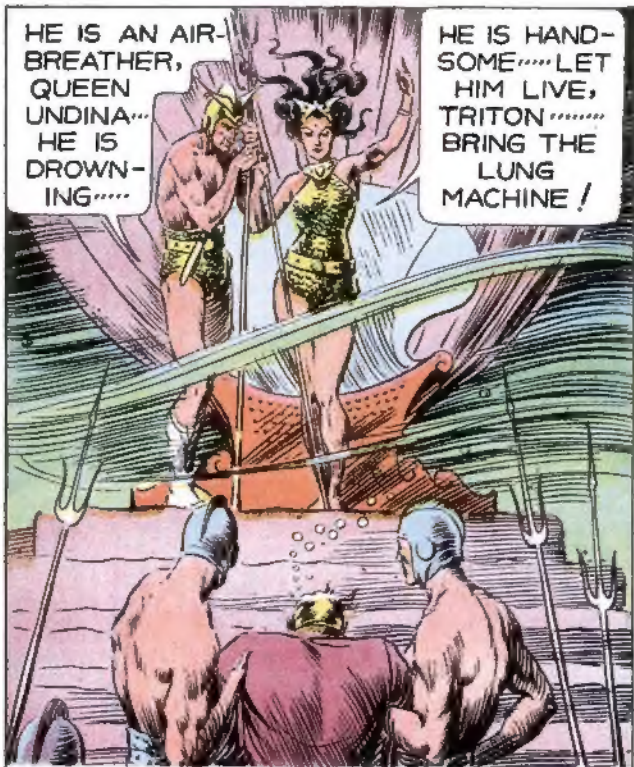
AFTER A BITTER STRUGGLE, DALE AND
ZARKOV STAGGER ONTO A WAVE-
LASHED ISLAND

NEXT WEEK :-

INTO THE WATER WORLD!



FLASH CLINGS DESPERATELY TO A SECTION OF THE REEF UPON WHICH THE ROCKET SHIP CRASHED.....THE HUNGRY SEA CLUTCHES AT HIS BODY.....

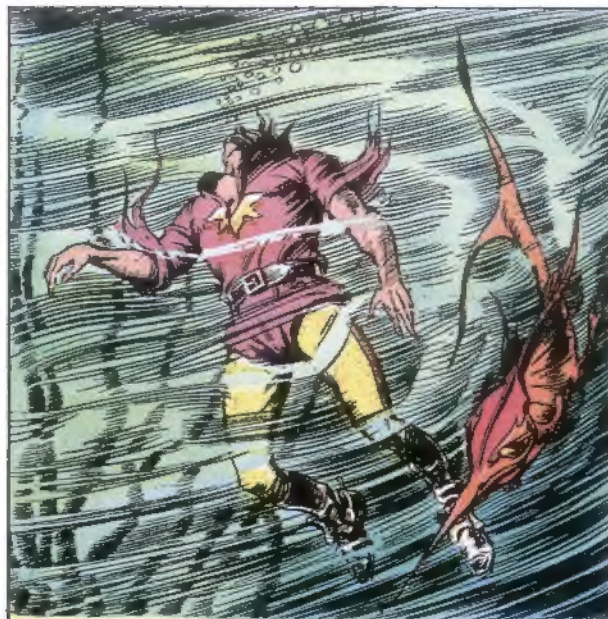


HE IS AN AIR-BREATHER, QUEEN UNDINA... HE IS DROWN-ING.....

HE IS HAND-SOME.....LET HIM LIVE, TRITON..... BRING THE LUNG MACHINE !

FLASH IS BROUGHT TO A CASTLE CARVED OUT OF SOLID CORAL AND ENCRUSTED WITH PEARLS AND PRECIOUS STONES.....

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UNCONSCIOUSNESS FINALLY OVERTAKES HIM AND HE SINKS BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE SEA OF MYSTERY.....



HE IS A MAN OF UNUSUAL STRENGTH, MY QUEEN.....HE RESPONDS TO OUR TREAT-MENT.....

TAKE THE LUNG-MA-CHINE AWAY BEFORE HE WAKES.....BRING HIM TO MY CHAMBERS

A HUGE MACHINE IS ROLLED INTO THE THRONE-ROOM.....FLASH IS PLACED INTO IT AND TRITON WORKS FEVERISHLY AT THE VALVES.....



IN THE DEPTHS OF THE WATER-WORLD A POWERFUL MAGNETO-RAY DRAWS HIS LIMP BODY TOWARD A BEAUTIFUL CORAL CITY.....



YOU'RE NOT DROWNED... BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO LIVE IN THE WATER WORLD FOREVER!

AM I DROWNED? ARE YOU A MER-MAID ?

FLASH AWAKENS TO FIND HIMSELF BREATHING WATER IN AN UNDERSEA PALACE !.....

NEXT WEEK:
LIFE UNDER THE SEA!

DEEP IN THE WATERY WORLD OF THE SEA FOLK

YOU WERE TOO HANDSOME TO DROWN, SO WE CHANGED YOUR LUNGS TO BREATHE WATER.....

BUT...NO, YOU CAN'T DO THAT/ CHANGE ME BACK QUICK!



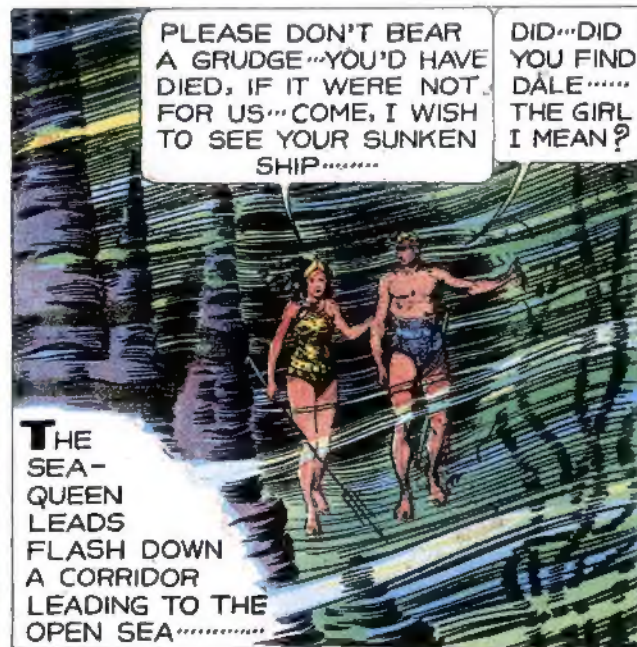
NOTHING CAN CHANGE YOU BACK....YOU ARE ONE OF US FOREVER!

DOOMED TO A FISH'S LIFE! NEVER TO WALK IN THE OPEN AIR!.....AND SEPARATED FROM DALE FOREVER!



PLEASE DON'T BEAR A GRUDGE...YOU'D HAVE DIED, IF IT WERE NOT FOR US...COME, I WISH TO SEE YOUR SUNKEN SHIP.....

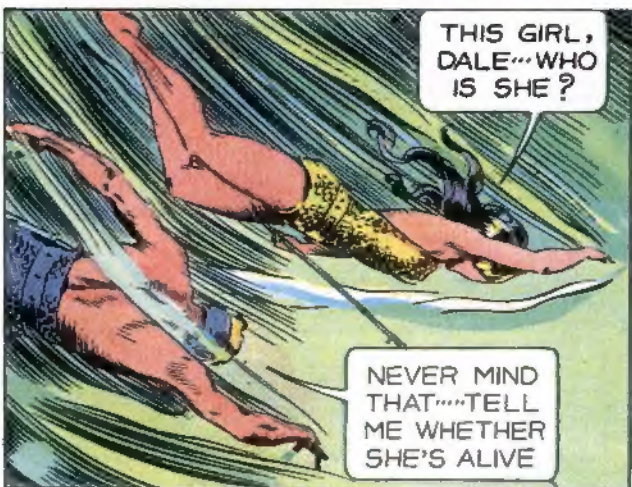
DID...DID YOU FIND DALE..... THE GIRL I MEAN?



THE SEA-QUEEN LEADS FLASH DOWN A CORRIDOR LEADING TO THE OPEN SEA.....

THIS GIRL, DALE...WHO IS SHE?

NEVER MIND THAT...TELL ME WHETHER SHE'S ALIVE



TRITON MEETS THEM AT THE WRECKED SHIP.....

THE WOMAN AND THE OTHER MAN ESCAPED, QUEEN UNDINA

THANK HEAVENS! DALE AND ZARKOV ARE SAFE!

WE'LL ATTEND TO THEM LATER



AS UNDINA'S SOLDIERS ARE LOOTING THE SUNKEN ROCKET-SHIP, THERE IS A TERRIFIC RUSHING SOUND...A CHARGING DEVOUROSOSAURUS!.....

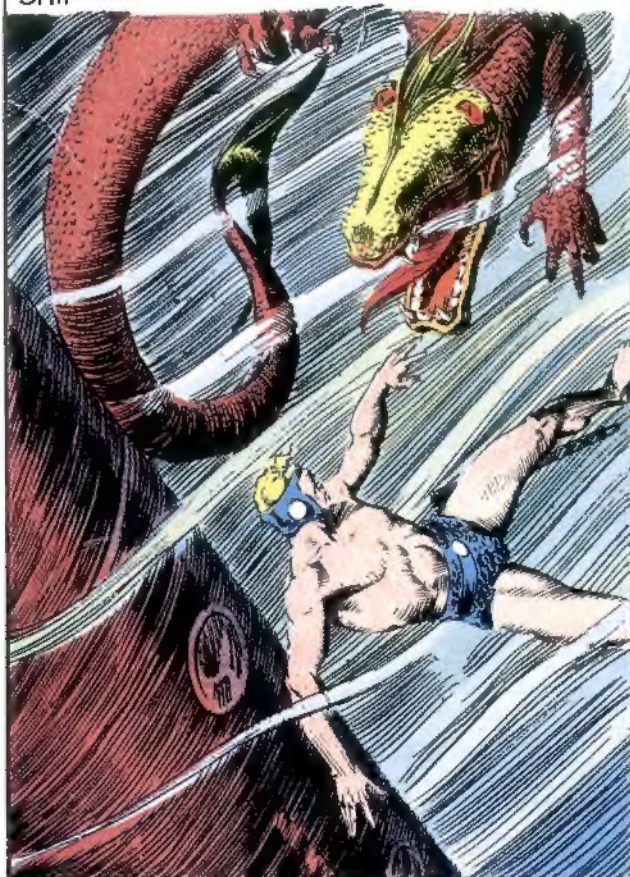


SHOUTING TO THE OTHERS TO DASH FOR THE SHIP, FLASH DRAWS HIS SWORD AND WHIRLS TO FACE THE BEAST!.....

NEXT WEEK:

THE CANNIBAL MONSTER!

WITH ONE SWIPE OF ITS MIGHTY CLAW, THE DEVOUROSAURUS DISARMS FLASH AND FORCES HIM TO FLEE TO THE ROCKET SHIP



HE CAN'T GET INTO THIS PASSAGEWAY...

WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE, EARTHMAN

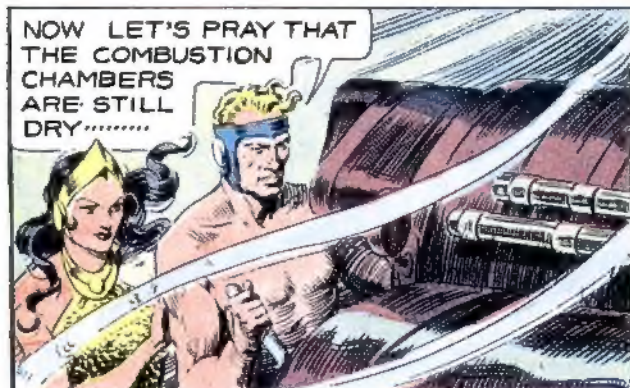
HE'LL TEAR THE SHIP APART!

FLASH, QUEEN UNDINA AND TRITON HIDE IN A NARROW TUNNEL NEAR THE ROCKET TUBES

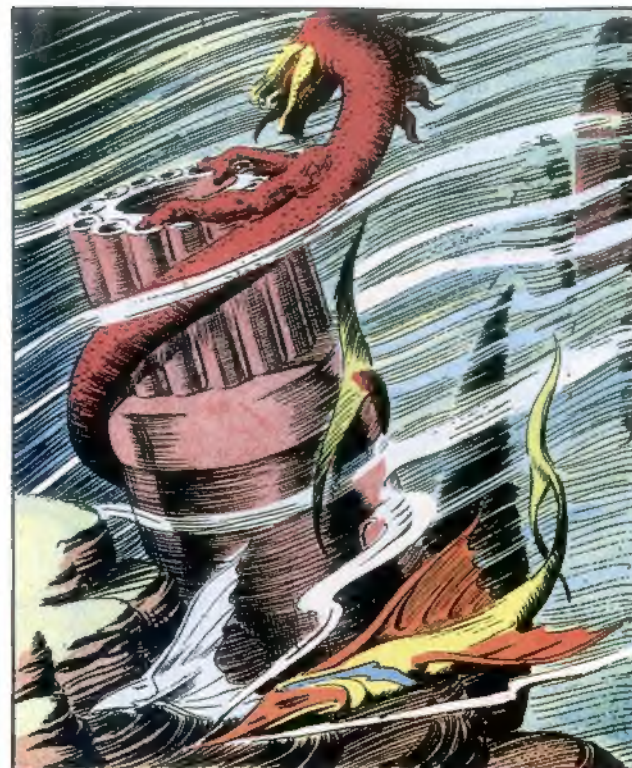


THERE IS A MUFFLED EXPLOSION...THE MONSTER IS BLOWN TO BITS BUT THE WATER PRESSURE CAUSES THE ROCKETS TO BACKFIRE, TEARING THE SHIP APART!

NOW LET'S PRAY THAT THE COMBUSTION CHAMBERS ARE STILL DRY



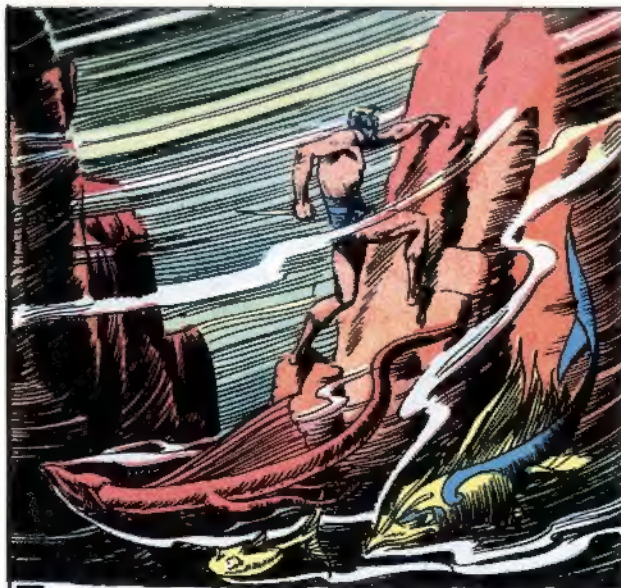
SEIZED WITH AN IDEA, FLASH MAKES HIS WAY TO THE CONTROL-CABIN.....HE JERKS THE THROTTLE DOWN



MAD WITH THE BLOOD-THIRST, THE CANNIBAL MONSTER TEARS WILDLY AT THE ROCKET SHIP



DR. ZARKOV AND DALE, CASTAWAYS ON A NEARBY ISLE, ARE STARTLED BY THE GEYSER FROM THE NEXT WEEK: THE EXPLOSION. **THE EXPLORER**



FLUNG AGAINST THE ISLAND'S CORAL REEF IN THE EXPLOSION OF THE SUNKEN ROCKET SHIP, FLASH STARTS OUT IN SEARCH OF DALE AND ZARKOV.....



REACHING THE TOP OF THE REEF, FLASH SEES THE ISLAND

SMOKE! MAYBE DALE AND ZARKOV ARE SAFE



UNABLE TO BREATHE AIR, SINCE THE SEA FOLK ALTERED HIS LUNGS, FLASH CHOKES AND DROPS BACK INTO THE SEA



ONE MINUTE IN THE OPEN AIR AND I STRANGLE! I'M TRAPPED! I CAN'T EVEN TALK IN THE AIR!

REGAINING HIS BREATH, FLASH SWIMS AROUND TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND



UNABLE TO SHOUT, FLASH WAVES WILDLY TO HIS FRIENDS

THEY DON'T SEE ME!



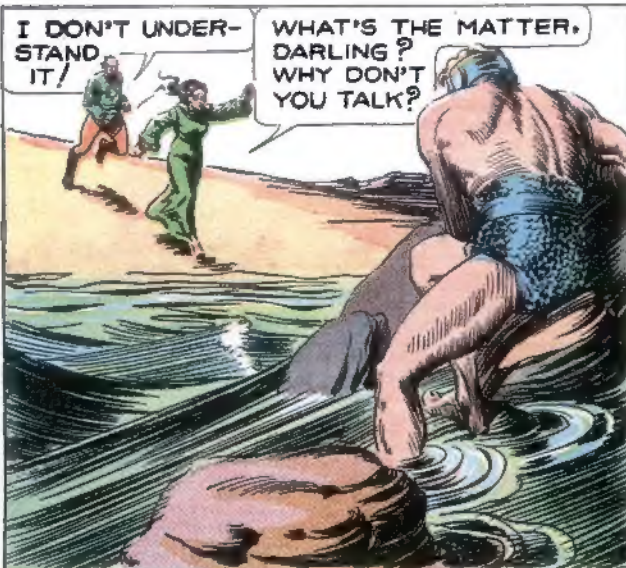
THANK GOODNESS!
FLASH! COME HERE!

GOOD HEAVENS! I
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
IT IS!**IT'S FLASH!**

FFLASH THROWS A CHUNK OF CORAL!
DALE AND ZARKOV WHIRL AROUND

NEXT WEEK:

PRISONERS OF TWO WORLDS



I DON'T UNDER-
STAND
IT!

WHAT'S THE MATTER,
DARLING?
WHY DON'T
YOU TALK?

FLASH, HIS LUNGS CHANGED BY THE
SEA FOLK, CANNOT TALK OR BREATHE,
EXCEPT UNDER WATER

**AS DALE AND ZARKOV REACH THE
WATER'S EDGE, FLASH DISAPPEARS.....**



OH, SAVE
HIM,
ZARKOV!



ZARKOV
THINKS FLASH
IS DROWNING
AND TRIES TO
RESCUE HIM.....
FLASH MOTIONS
HIM AWAY.....



LISTEN, OLD FRIEND.....I'M
O. K./ CAN YOU HEAR ME?
LET GO! I'M NOT
DROWNING.....

FLASH FINALLY MAKES THE STRUGGLING
SCIENTIST UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS
HAPPENED



I WON'T
GIVE YOU
UP, DEAR!!!
I'LL LIVE
UNDER
WATER, TOO,
IF THEY'LL
LET ME!

LOOKOUT!
RUN! A
MONSTER!



NO, NO, ZARKOV,.....SAVE FLASH!

**BEFORE FLASH CAN MOVE, HE IS
SEIZED BY A HORRIBLE MONSTER OF
THE DEEP.....AN**

**NEXT WEEK:
THE STRUGGLE!**

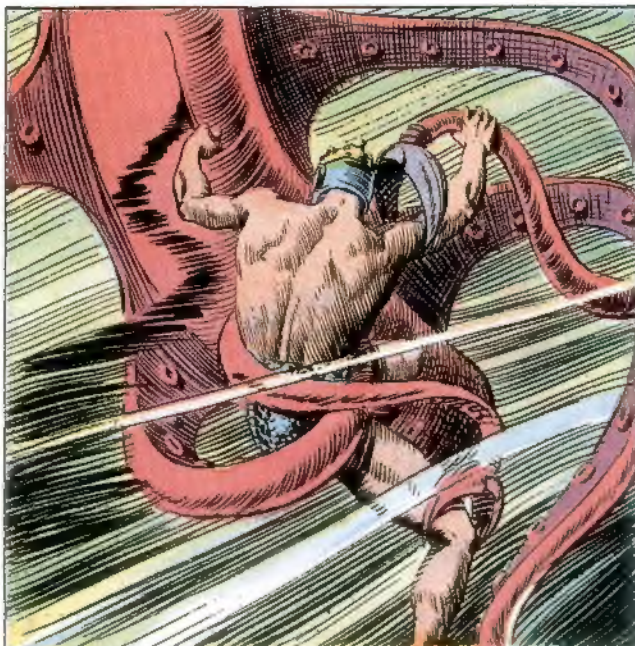
WEAPONLESS, FLASH BATTLES THE MAN-EATING OCTOCRAWL.....HE SLOWLY WEAKENS UNDER THE CRUSHING TENTACLES AND SLASHING CLAWS.....



AFTER TAKING DALE TO SAFETY ASHORE, ZARKOV GRABS A KNIFE AND RETURNS TO FLASH'S AID.



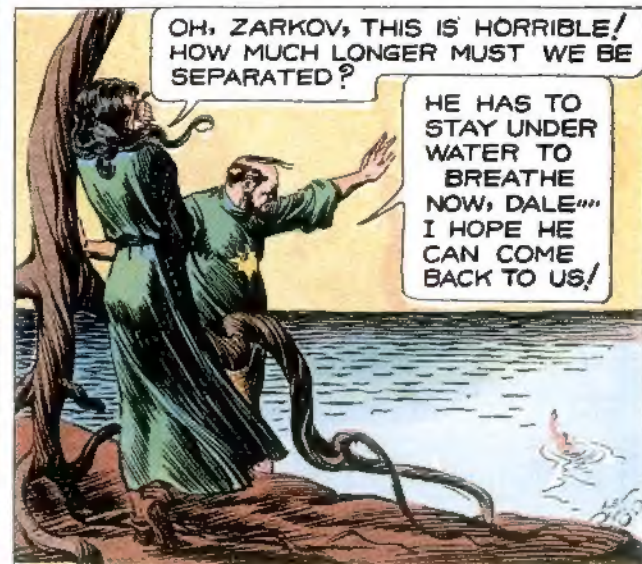
A MIGHTY TENTACLE FORCES THE AIR FROM ZARKOV'S LUNGS.....HE LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS.....



FLASH GRABS ZARKOV'S KNIFE AND, WITH A LAST DESPERATE LUNGE, FATALLY WOUNDS THE MONSTER!.....



SWIMMING TO SHORE, FLASH DRAGS THE REVIVING ZARKOV TO THE BEACH.....DALE RUSHES TO MEET THEM.....



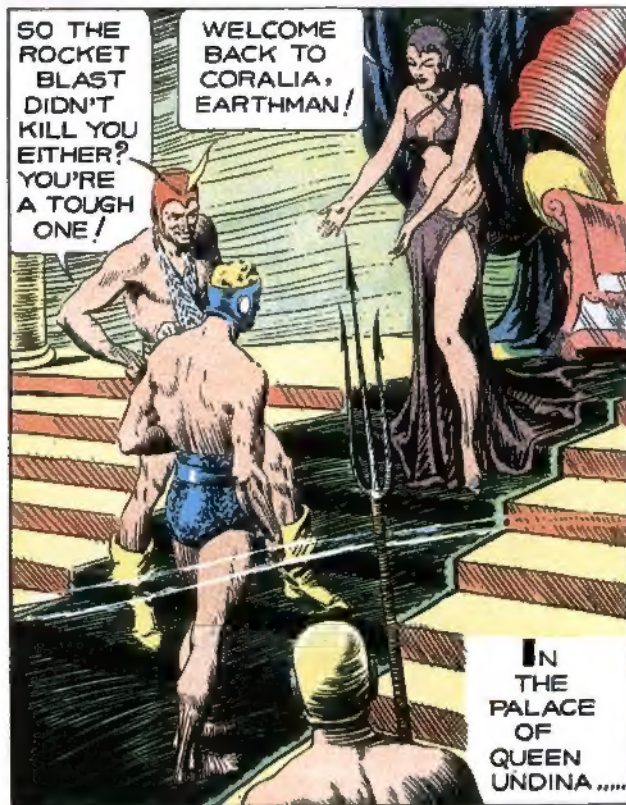
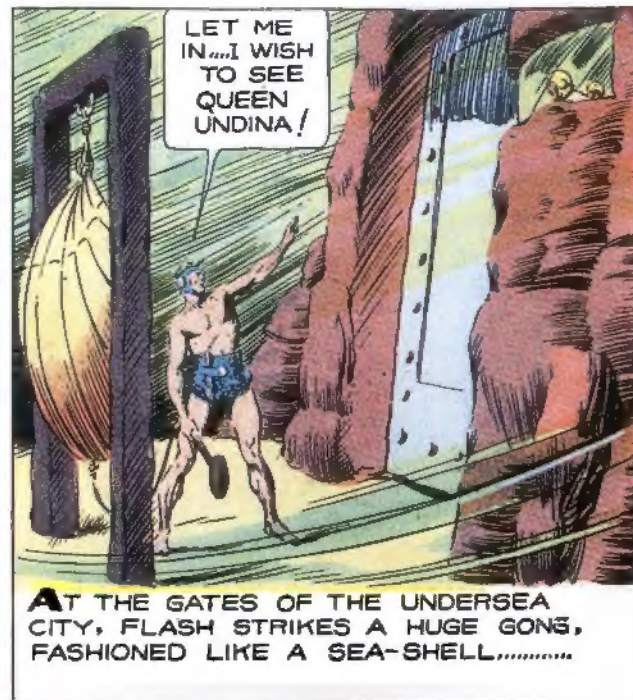
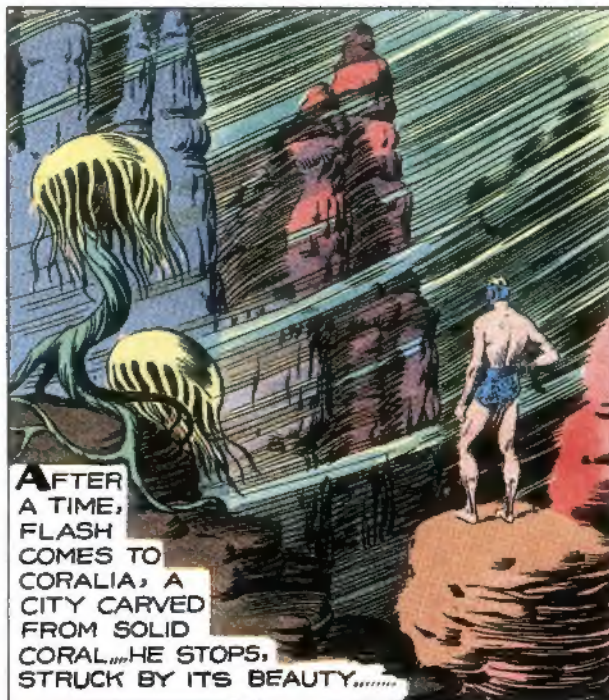
OH, ZARKOV, THIS IS HORRIBLE! HOW MUCH LONGER MUST WE BE SEPARATED?

HE HAS TO STAY UNDER WATER TO BREATHE NOW, DALE.....I HOPE HE CAN COME BACK TO US!

FLASH HAS TO HURRY BACK TO THE WATER TO WHICH THE SEA FOLK DOOMED HIM.....

NEXT WEEK:

DIVIDED BY FATE! 524



TRANSFORMED INTO A WATER-BREATHER, FLASH IS MADE A NOBLE, AMID MUCH FEASTING AND REVELRY

HOW DOES ONE DRINK FROM THIS?

TO OUR NEW NOBLE'S HEALTH!

SLIDE BACK THE COVER.....YOU HAVE MUCH TO LEARN, BUT YOU'LL LIKE IT HERE.....I PROMISE YOU!



IF THEY WEREN'T DROWNED, WHY BOTHER THEM? THEY CANNOT HARM THE SEA QUEEN!

DO NOT PRESUME TO ADVISE ME, FLASH! YOU MAY HAVE BEEN A KING IN MONGO, BUT YOU ARE ONLY MY SUBJECT NOW!



THAT LOOKS LIKE A LAND ANIMAL! HOW DO YOU CAPTURE THEM?

ISLANDS..... BRING ME A HELMET!

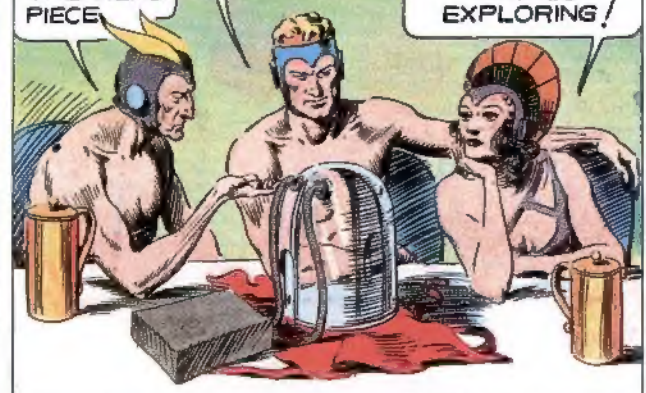
WE WEAR WATER-HELMETS WHEN WE HUNT ON THE



PURIFIED WATER CIRCULATES THROUGH THE HEAD PIECE

HM...M.....I'D LIKE TO GO EXPLORING ON AN ISLAND NEAR HERE

THAT REMINDS ME...THERE WAS A GIRL CALLED DALE IN YOUR SHIP.....WE'LL ALL GO EXPLORING!



WHAT WILL YOU DO, IF YOU CAPTURE ANY ONE?

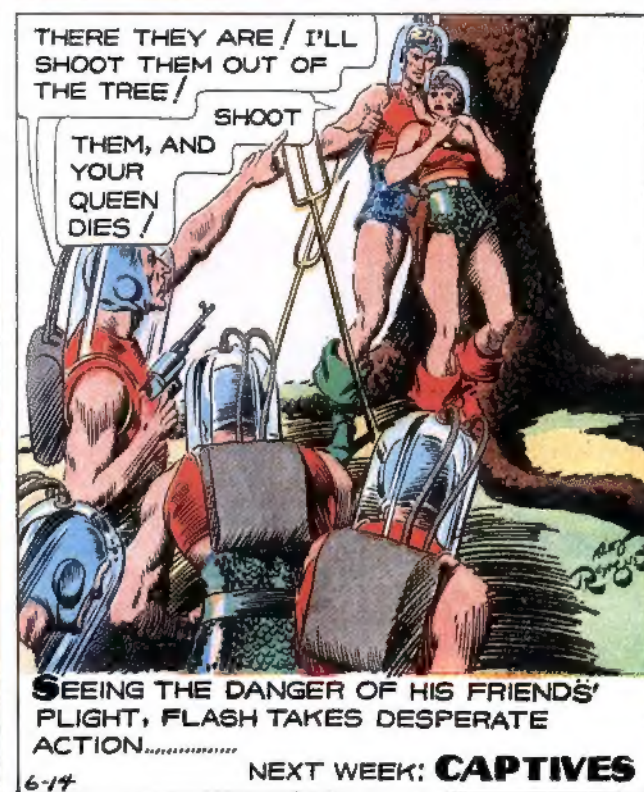
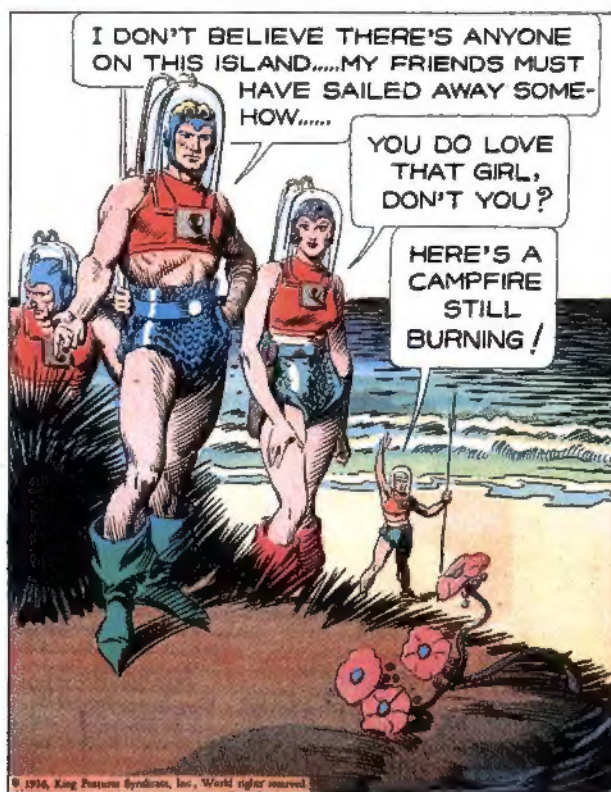
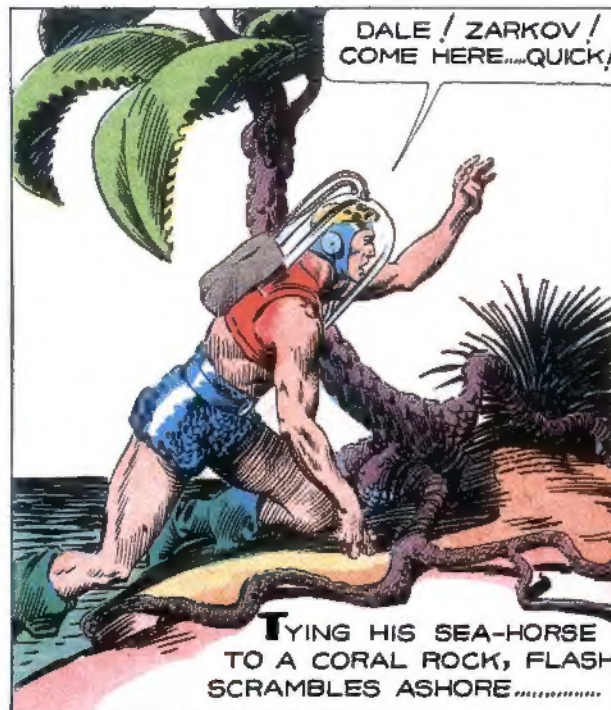
KILL THEM!

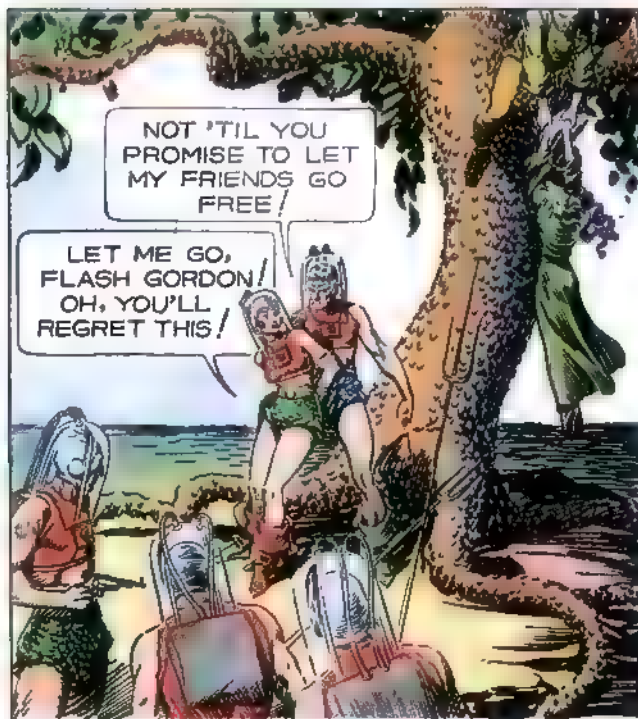


HELPLESS TO STOP UNDINA, FLASH RIDES WITH HER TO THE ISLAND REEF

NEXT WEEK :

THE MAN HUNT!

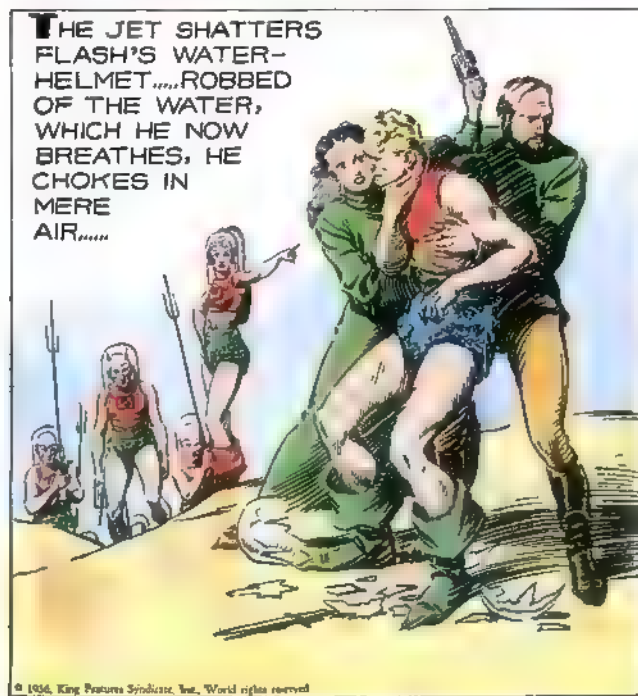




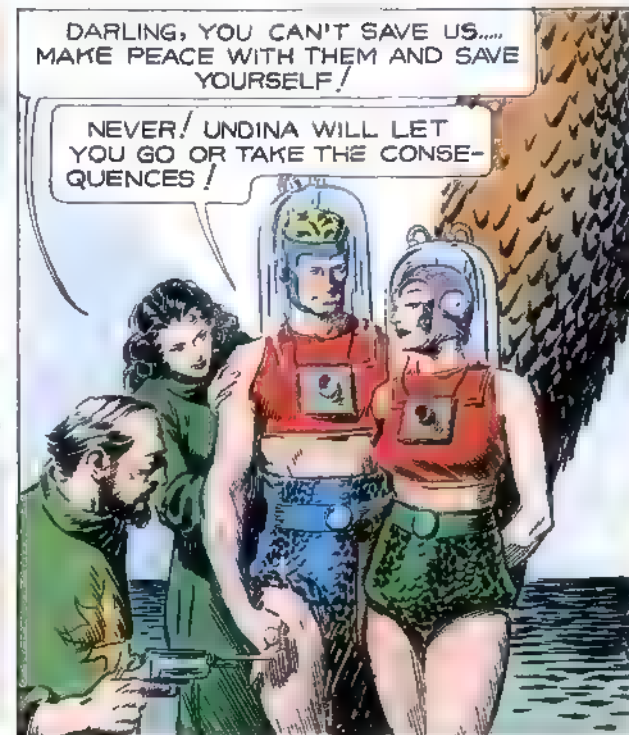
NOT 'TIL YOU
PROMISE TO LET
MY FRIENDS GO
FREE!

LET ME GO,
FLASH GORDON!
OH, YOU'LL
REGRET THIS!

**FLASH TRIES TO SAVE DALE AND ZARKOV
BY THREATENING UNDINA, QUEEN OF THE
SEA-FOLK**

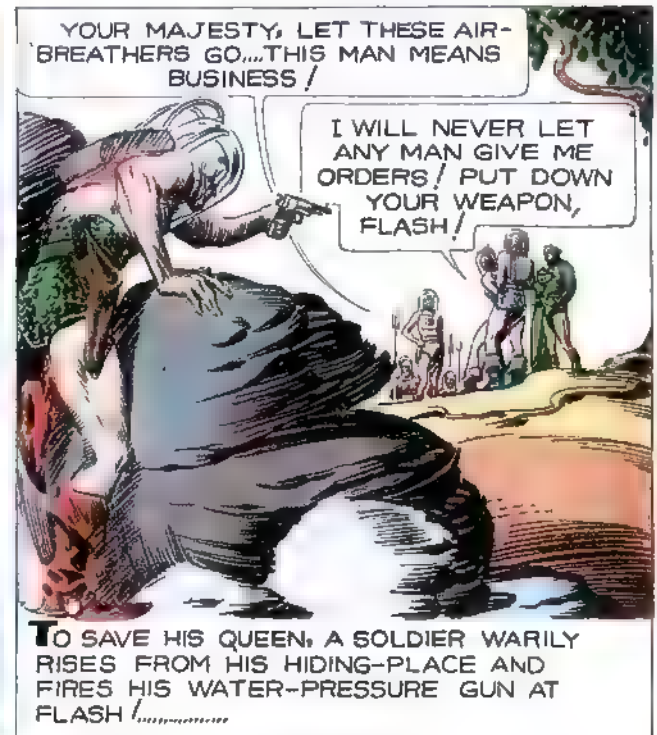


**THE JET SHATTERS
FLASH'S WATER-
HELMET.....ROBBED
OF THE WATER,
WHICH HE NOW
BREATHES, HE
CHOKES IN
MERE
AIR.....**



DARLING, YOU CAN'T SAVE US.....
MAKE PEACE WITH THEM AND SAVE
YOURSELF!

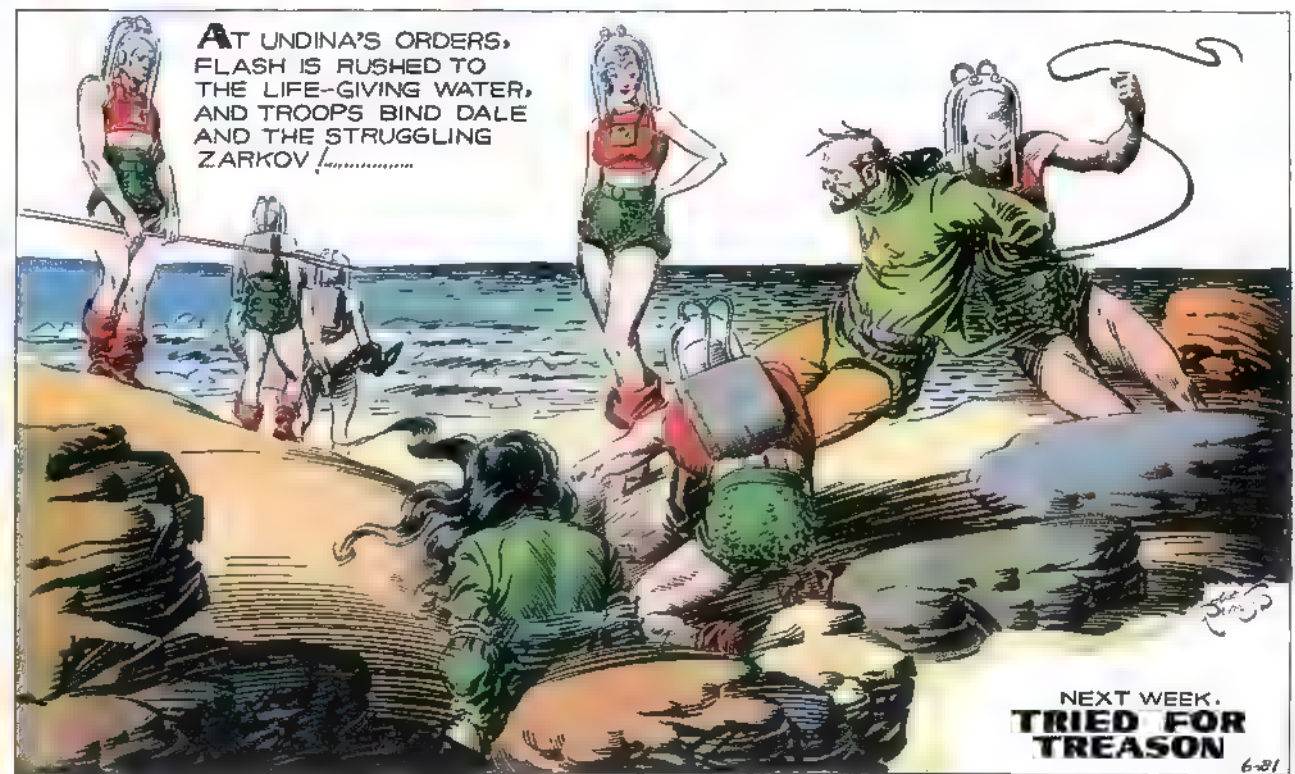
NEVER! UNDINA WILL LET
YOU GO OR TAKE THE CONSE-
QUENCES!



YOUR MAJESTY, LET THESE AIR-
BREATHERS GO...THIS MAN MEANS
BUSINESS!

I WILL NEVER LET
ANY MAN GIVE ME
ORDERS! PUT DOWN
YOUR WEAPON,
FLASH!

**TO SAVE HIS QUEEN, A SOLDIER WARILY
RISES FROM HIS HIDING-PLACE AND
FIRES HIS WATER-PRESSURE GUN AT
FLASH!**



**AT UNDINA'S ORDERS,
FLASH IS RUSHED TO
THE LIFE-GIVING WATER,
AND TROOPS BIND DALE
AND THE STRUGGLING
ZARKOV!**

NEXT WEEK.
**TRIED FOR
TREASON**

THANKS FOR SAVING MY LIFE, TRITON... BUT LIFE MEANS NOTHING TO ME, IF THEY HARM DALE....

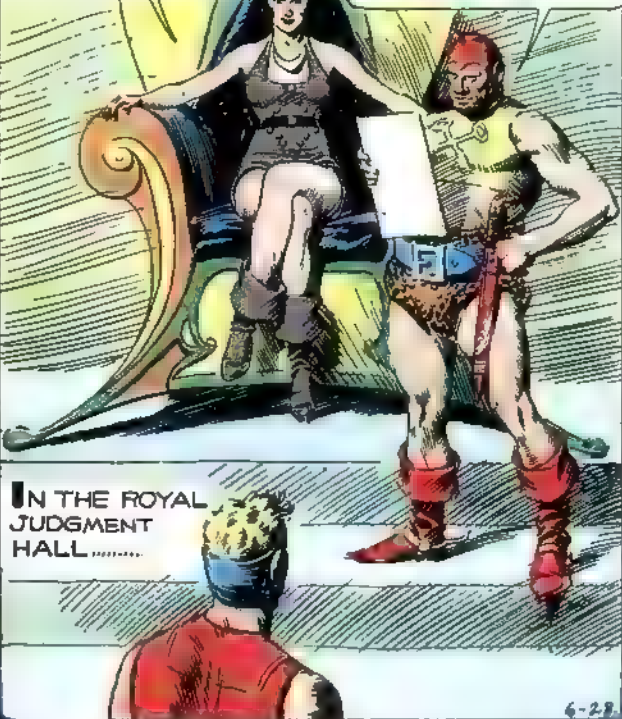
THAT'S UP TO QUEEN UNDINA



BACK IN THE WATER, WHICH IS ALL HE CAN BREATHE, FLASH RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS.....

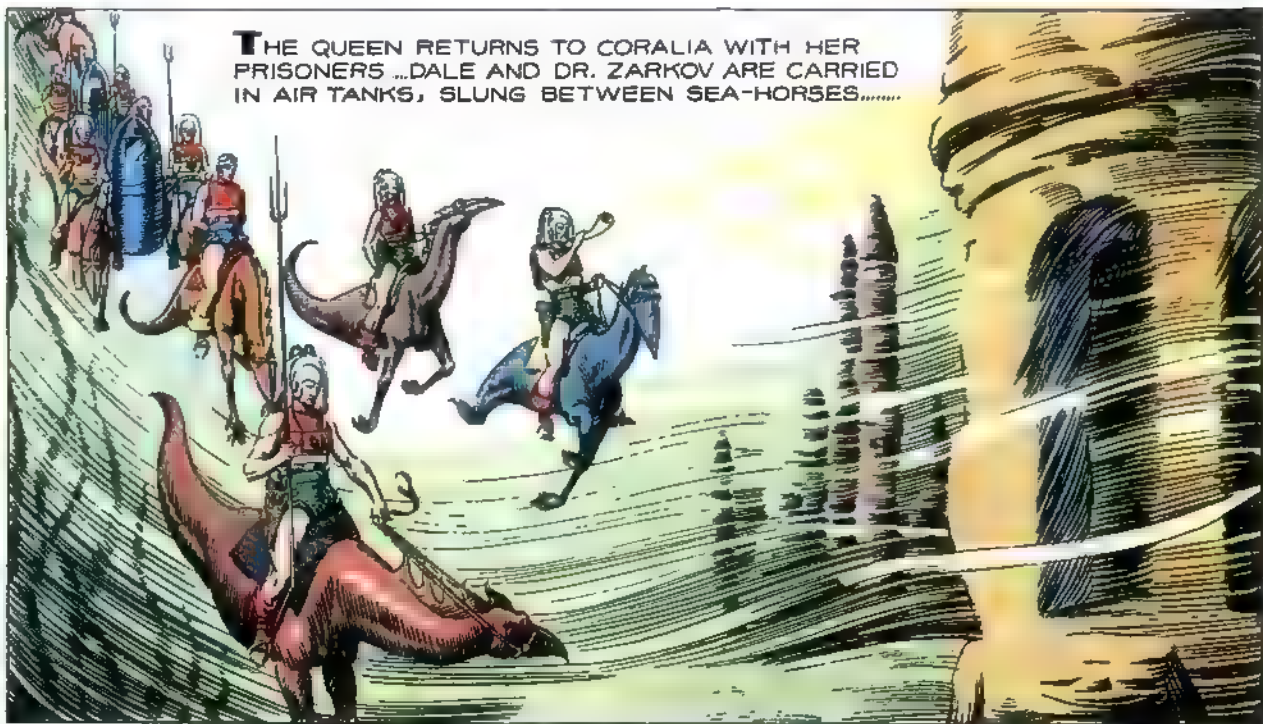
LORD PLUTON; YOU MAY READ THE CHARGES AGAINST THESE PRISONERS

AS ROYAL SHERIFF OF CORALIA, I CHARGE THESE PRISONERS WITH TREASON AGAINST QUEEN UNDINA.....



IN THE ROYAL JUDGMENT HALL.....

THE QUEEN RETURNS TO CORALIA WITH HER PRISONERS...DALE AND DR. ZARKOV ARE CARRIED IN AIR TANKS, SLUNG BETWEEN SEA-HORSES.....



QUEEN UNDINA, I'M NOT GUILTY OF TREASON...I'M A KING OF MONGO.... BUT PUNISH ME AND FREE MY INNOCENT FRIENDS!

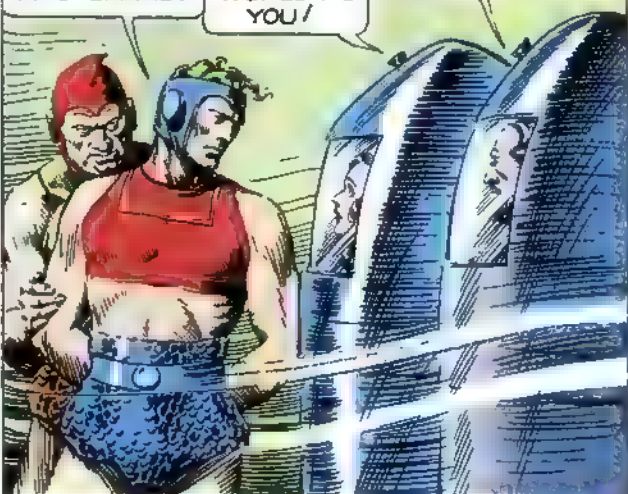
I SENTENCE THEM TO BE CHANGED TO WATER-BREATHERS TO THE PRISONS WITH THE THREE OF YOU!



FORGIVE ME FOR GETTING YOU INTO THIS, DALE.... AND ZARKOV

I'M GLAD, FLASH... I'LL BE IN THE SAME WORLD AS YOU!

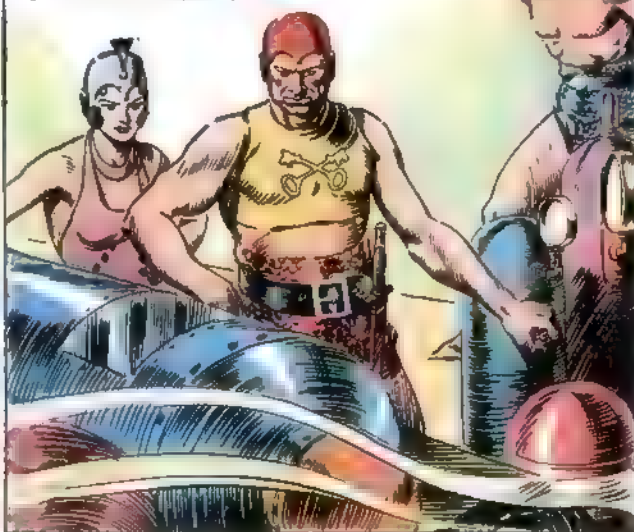
SUFFER A SEA-CHANGE, INTO SOMETHING RICH AND STRANGE.....



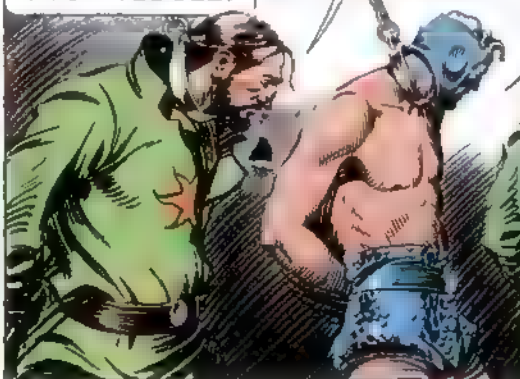
AND SO FLASH AND HIS FRIENDS ARE LEFT TO THE TENDER MERCIES OF PLUTON

NEXT WEEK: **PLUTON'S PRISON**

① THE UNDERSEA QUEEN, UNDINA, DOOMS DALE AND ZARKOV TO BE MADE INTO WATER-BREATHERS.....PLUTON ADJUSTS THE VALVES, WHILE FLASH LOOKS ON HELPLESSLY.....



② AMAZING EXPERIENCE.....HOW QUEER TO BREATHE WATER! THE EARTH SCIENTISTS WOULD NEVER BELIEVE THIS POSSIBLE!



UNDINA/ PLUTON/ TAKE CARE OF DALE.....DON'T LET HER DIE!

AH, YES! SHE'LL MAKE ME A NICE WIFE.....SHE HAD BETTER!

DON'T WORRY... SHE'LL LIVE ONLY TOO LONG IN PLUTON'S CARE!



④ LEAVE HER ALONE, YOU DOG! I WAS ONLY ASKING HER HOW SHE FELT.....

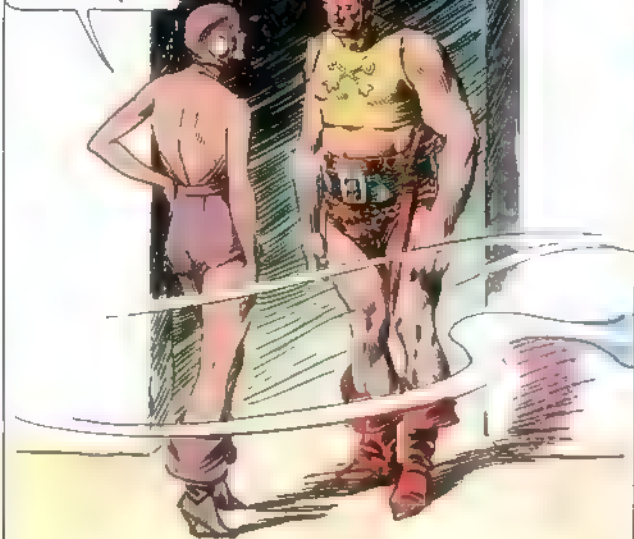
LISTEN, SWEETHEART... PRISONERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK, EXCEPT TO ME!

OH, STOP, YOU'RE HURTING ME!



③ PLUTON, I WANT YOU TO TEACH FLASH THAT I AM SUPREME HERE.....I WANT HIM TO COME CRAWLING TO ME!

AND CRAWL HE WILL, MY QUEEN!



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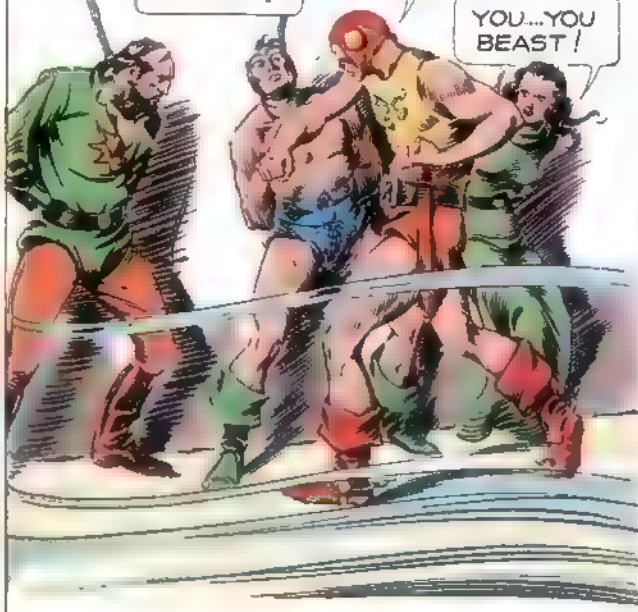
ALL RIGHT, THEN.....I'M TALKING TO YOU NOW! YOU WOULDN'T DARE TOUCH HER IF I WASN'T SAFELY CHAINED HERE! IF I EVER GET FREE, I'LL KILL YOU!... THE SAME AS I'D KILL ANY TREACHEROUS, CRAWLING SNAKE!



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YOU TALK TOO MUCH, EARTHMAN.... I'LL QUIET YOU! I'LL HAMMER THOSE WORDS RIGHT DOWN YOUR THROAT!

YOU...YOU BEAST!



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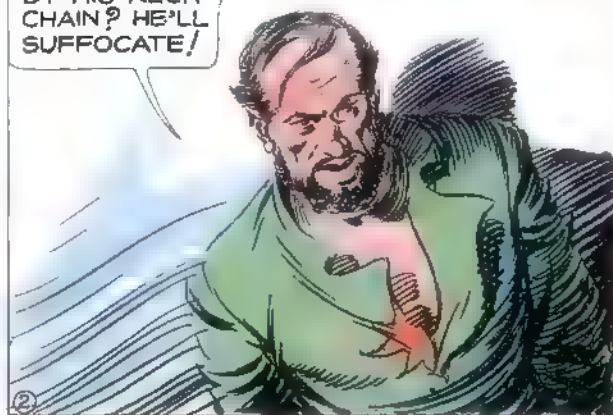
TRICKERY

FINDING FLASH TRYING TO BREAK HIS CHAINS, PLUTON KNOCKS HIM COLD....

MAYBE THAT'LL SHOW ALL OF YOU WHO'S MASTER HERE!



PLUTON! GUARDS! COME BACK HERE! CAN'T YOU SEE THAT FLASH IS DANGLING BY HIS NECK CHAIN? HE'LL SUFFOCATE!

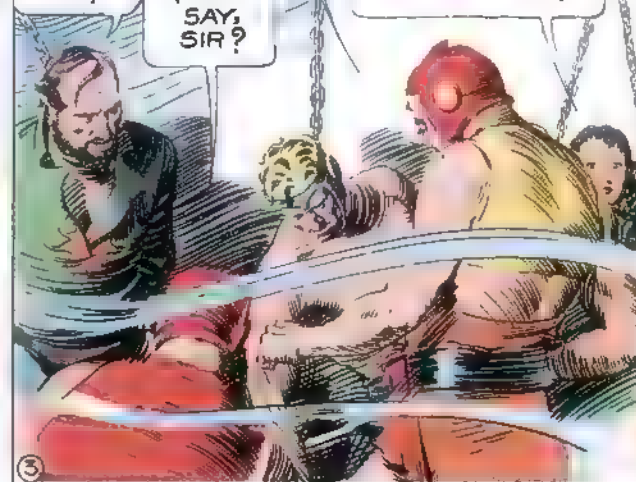


I'M AFRAID YOU'VE KILLED HIM! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!

SHUT UP, ALL OF YOU! I'LL TAKE HIM TO A DOCTOR.....

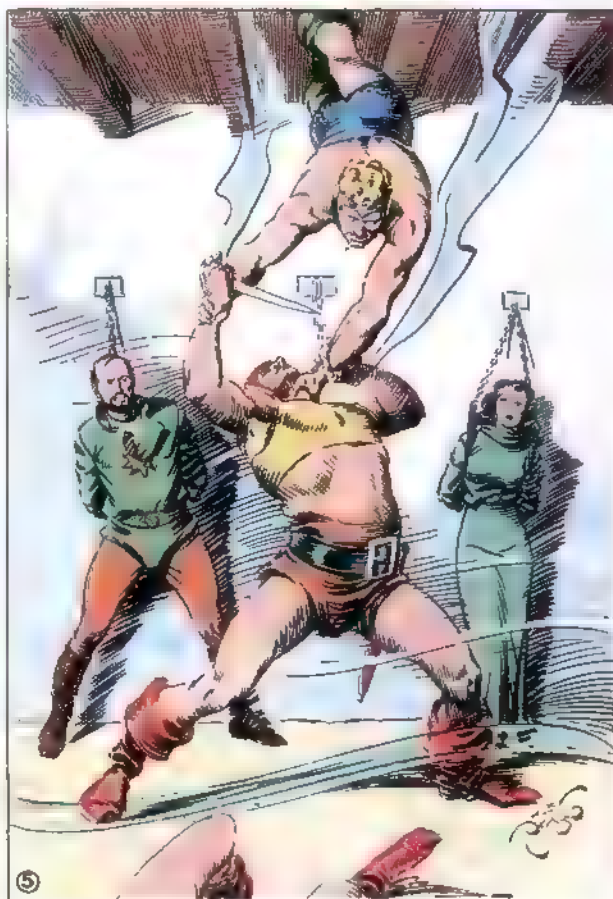
WHAT WILL THE QUEEN SAY, SIR?

OH, YOU FIEND! YOU'VE KILLED HIM...YOU'VE KILLED HIM!



AS THE GUARD UNLOCKS FLASH'S NECK CHAIN, FLASH BURSTS INTO SUDDEN ACTION.....

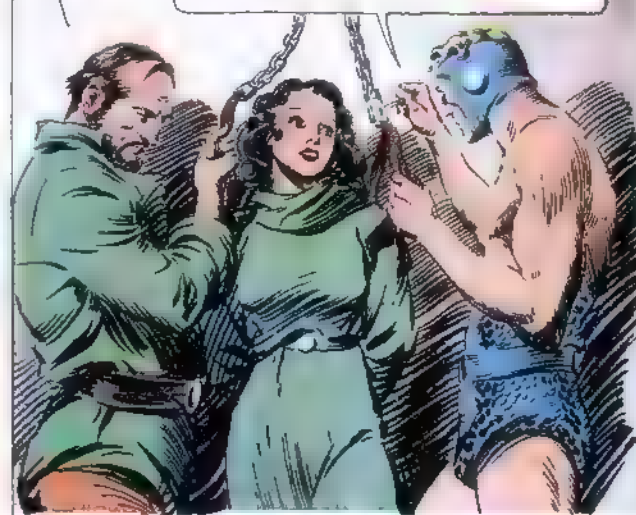
A TRICK, EH? NOW I WILL KILL YOU!



WITH HIS POWERFUL EARTH-MAN'S MUSCLES, FLASH DIVES OVER PLUTON'S HEAD.....

IS HE DEAD?

I DON'T THINK SO.... LISTEN, ZARKOV, GRAB THEIR HELMETS FOR YOU AND DALE.... THEY'LL PROTECT YOUR EARDRUMS FROM THE WATER.... WE MUST HURRY.



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—NEXT WEEK—

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IN THE ENEMY'S HALLS

LOOK OUT! SAVE DALE, FLASH...
NEVER MIND ME!

BEFORE
FLASH,
DALE AND
ZARKOV
CAN MAKE
THEIR
ESCAPE
FROM THE
PRISON,
ONE OF
THE
STUNNED
GUARDS
SUDDENLY
COMES TO
LIFE.....

①

ANY PORT IN A
STORM.....WHY,
IT LOOKS LIKE
THEIR ARSENAL!



QUIET, DALE...
THE GUARDS
ARE SEARCH-
ING THE HALL

THIS DOOR IS LOCKED...
THEY COULDN'T GET IN...
THEY MUST BE DOWN THE
HALL.....



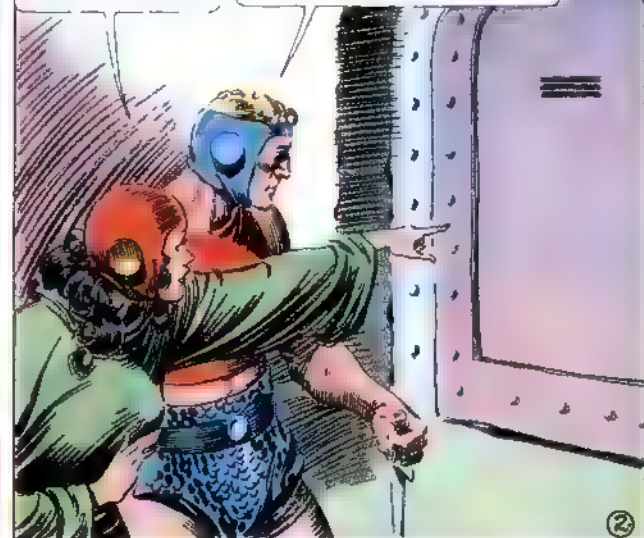
FLASH, ISN'T
THERE SOME-
THING HERE
THAT WE CAN
USE TO
RESCUE
ZARKOV?

THERE SHOULD BE, SWEET-
HEART....LET'S SEE WHAT
WE CAN FIND.....



I WONDER
WHERE THAT
DOOR LEADS

LET'S INVESTIGATE...
WE'VE GOT TO FIND A
HIDING-PLACE...



MEANWHILE, IN THE PRISON CELL, PLUTON
RECOVERS.....

NO TRACE
OF THEM
YET, LORD
PLUTON

KEEP SEARCHING, FOOL! HE
MAY TRY TO RESCUE HIS
FRIEND, ZARKOV, HERE.....

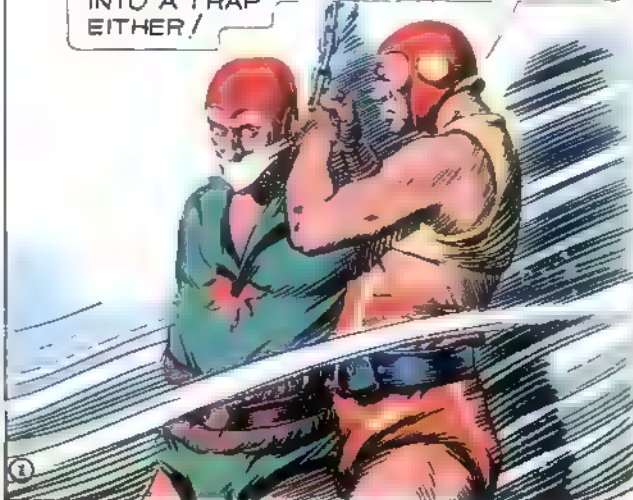


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HUMAN BAIT

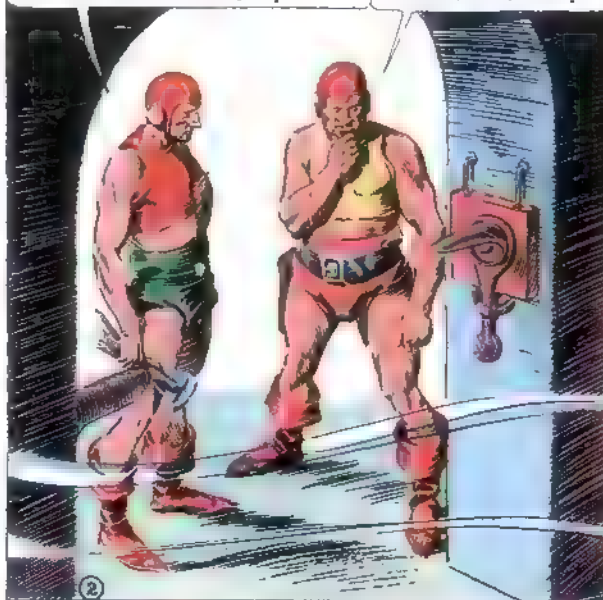
PLUTON DECIDES TO USE THE CAPTIVE, ZARKOV, TO BAIT A TRAP FOR FLASH!

IF WE DON'T CATCH HIM, YOUR FRIEND, FLASH, WILL TRY TO RESCUE YOU....AND YOU WON'T TELL HIM HE'S WALKING INTO A TRAP EITHER!



WHEN THE SWITCH IS ON, THE INVISIBLE RAYS WILL DESTROY WHOEVER ENTERS THE ROOM!

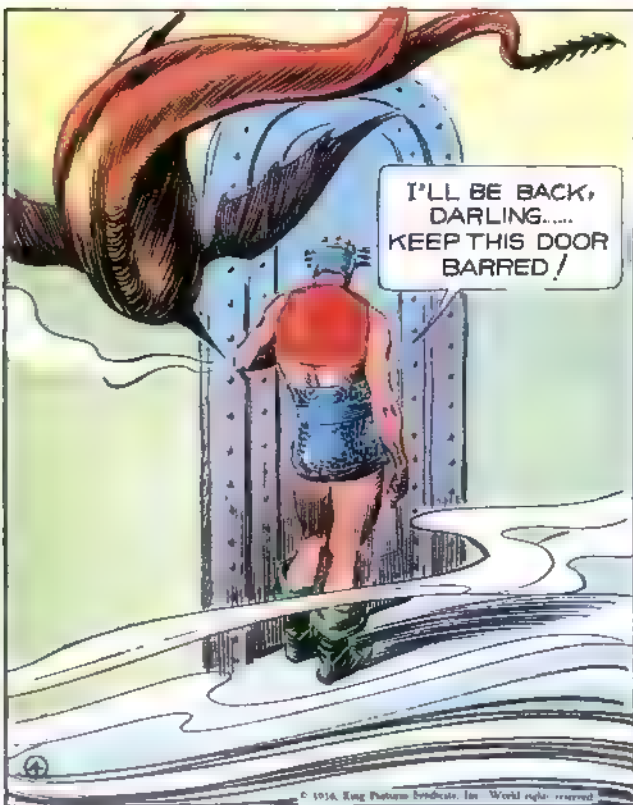
GOOD! NOW FILL THE HALLS WITH MAN-EATING SHARKONS!



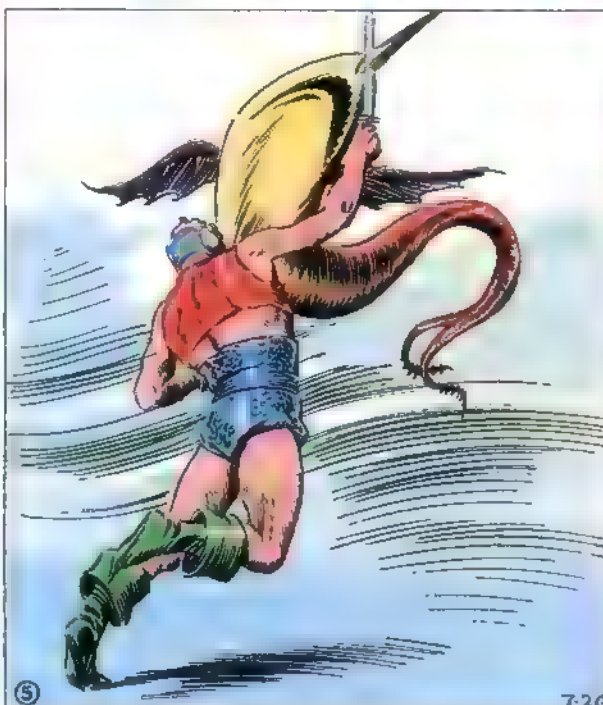
FLASH, HIDING IN THE UNDERSEA ARSENAL, PREPARES TO RESCUE ZARKOV.....

DON'T GO YET, DARLING WE'VE ONLY HAD A MINUTE TOGETHER... AND YOU MAY GET KILLED!

YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU, DALE....BUT I CAN'T, DESERT POOR ZARKOV!



I'LL BE BACK, DARLING.... KEEP THIS DOOR BARRED!



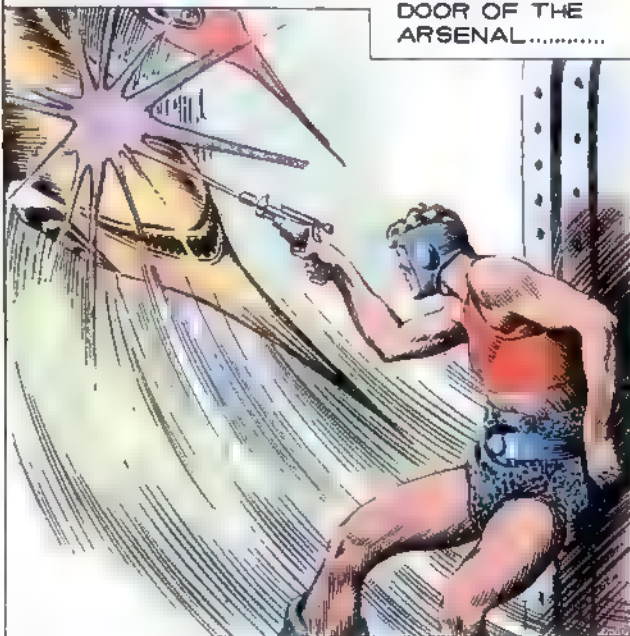
A SIXTH SENSE WARNS FLASH, AS THE SHARKON ATTACKS!



THE SCENT OF BLOOD BRINGS THE OTHER SHARKONS!

**NEXT WEEK:
SPRINGING THE TRAP ~**

IN THE HALL OF THE UNDERSEA PRISON, FLASH IS ATTACKED BY MAN-EATING SHARKONS.....HE BACKS AWAY TOWARD THE DOOR OF THE ARSENAL.....

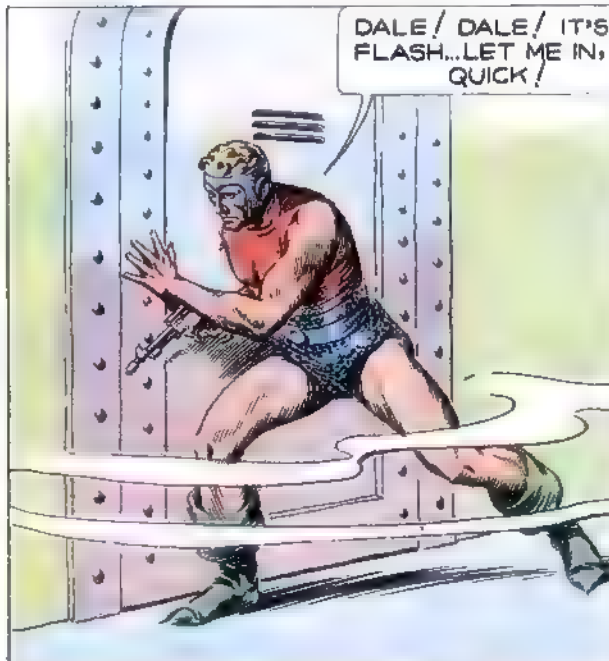


THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU, DALE.. YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ME DESERT ZARKOV, WOULD YOU ?

I'M SORRY, DEAR... PLEASE FORGIVE ME.....I CAN'T STAND SEEING YOU THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY.....I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!



DALE / DALE / IT'S FLASH...LET ME IN, QUICK!

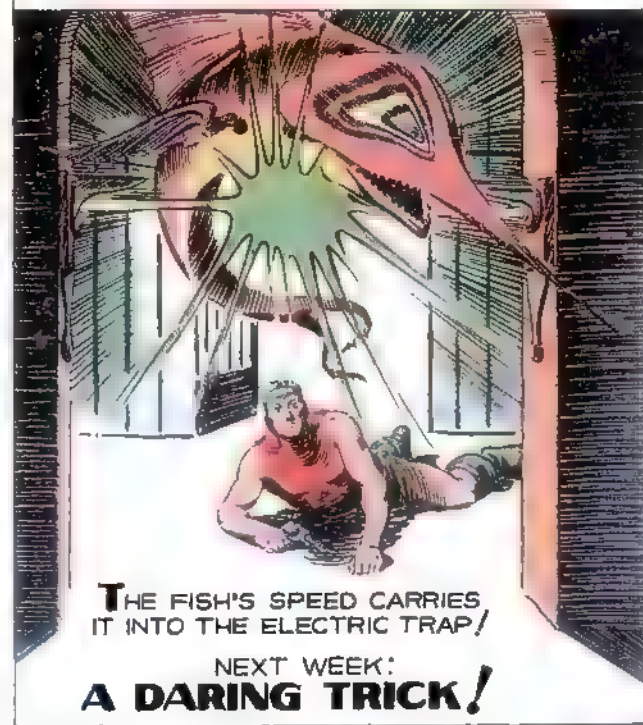


DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, DALE.. I'LL KILL OFF THESE SHARK-ONS AND THEN RESCUE ZAR-KOV....

ZARKOV! ALWAYS ZARKOV! YOU RISK YOUR LIFE FOR HIM AND LEAVE ME IN THIS AWFUL PLACE!



.....A WOUNDED SHARKON DARTS AT HIS BACK.....FLASH DUCKS IN TIME AND.....



THE FISH'S SPEED CARRIES IT INTO THE ELECTRIC TRAP!

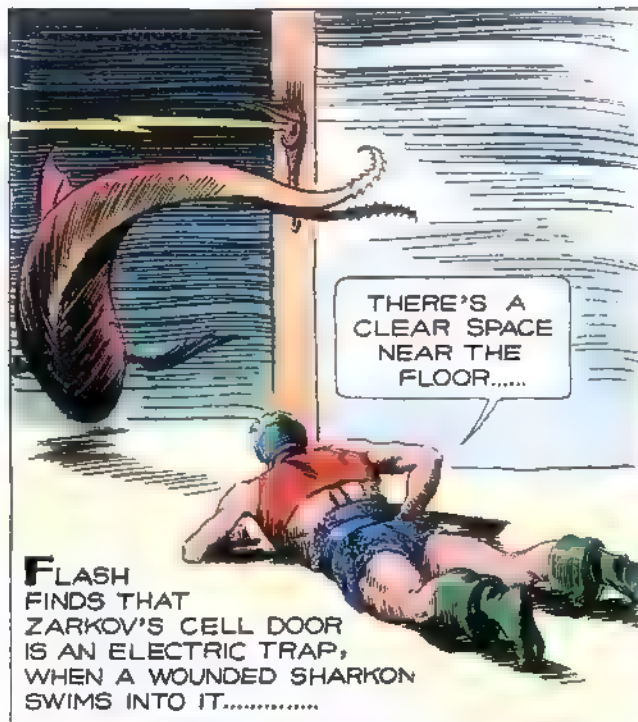
NEXT WEEK:

A DARING TRICK!



NOT KNOWING THAT ZARKOV'S PRISON CELL IS A DEATH TRAP, FLASH GOES TO HIS RESCUE.....

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HIDING IN THE SEA-QUEEN'S ARSENAL, FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV PLAN THEIR ESCAPE.....

THAT MACHINE-RIFLE OUGHT TO GET US OUT OF A JAM!

FLASH! MEN ARE COMING DOWN THE HALL!



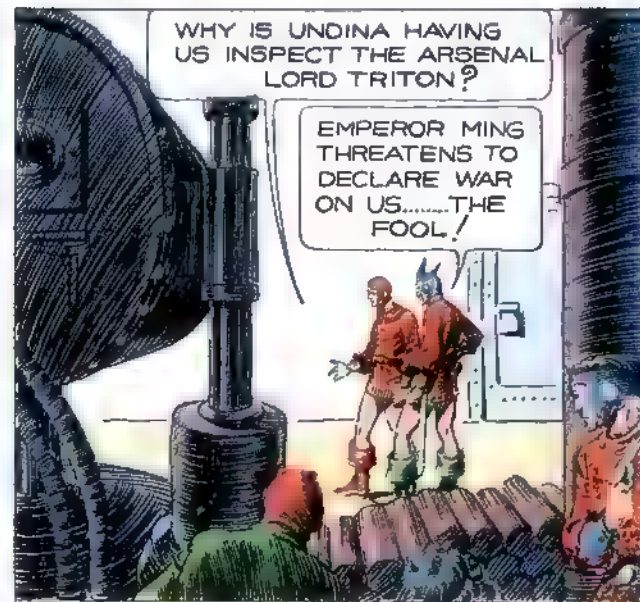
THAT FLASH KILLED A LOT OF SHARKONS MAKING HIS GET-AWAY!

YES...I'M ALMOST GLAD THE FELLOW GOT AWAY FROM PLUTON AT THAT!



WHY IS UNDINA HAVING US INSPECT THE ARSENAL LORD TRITON?

EMPEROR MING THREATENS TO DECLARE WAR ON US.....THE FOOL!



ZARKOV, DALE AND FLASH, HIDDEN BEHIND PILED WEAPONS, WATCH THE APPROACH OF THE MEN.....

DON'T MOVE, TRITON, OR I'LL SHOOT!

NEATLY TRAPPED! SO THIS IS WHERE YOU'VE BEEN HIDING, FLASH!



I DON'T WANT TO HARM YOU, TRITON... CAN'T YOU PERSUADE UNDINA TO LET US GO FREE?

IF SHE DOESN'T, WE'LL DESTROY HER ARSENAL, WHICH WON'T HELP HER WAR PLANS AT ALL!

ALL RIGHT... I'LL CALL HER AND SEE...



UNDINA, FLASH IS GOING TO KILL ME AND DESTROY THE ARSENAL, UNLESS YOU LET THEM

ALL GO FREE

IF HE WILL FIGHT LOYALLY, UNTIL MING IS DEFEATED, I'LL LET HIM AND HIS FRIENDS GO FREE

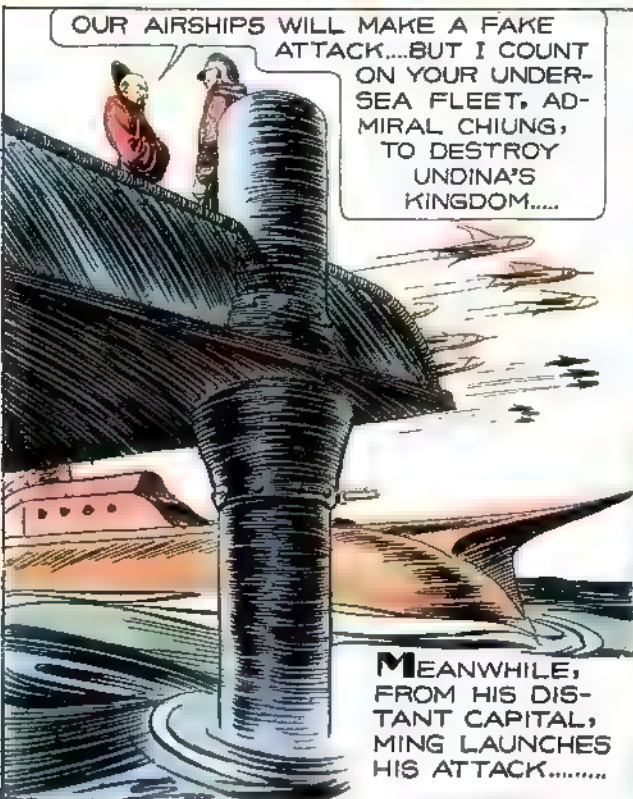


FINE! I AGREE!

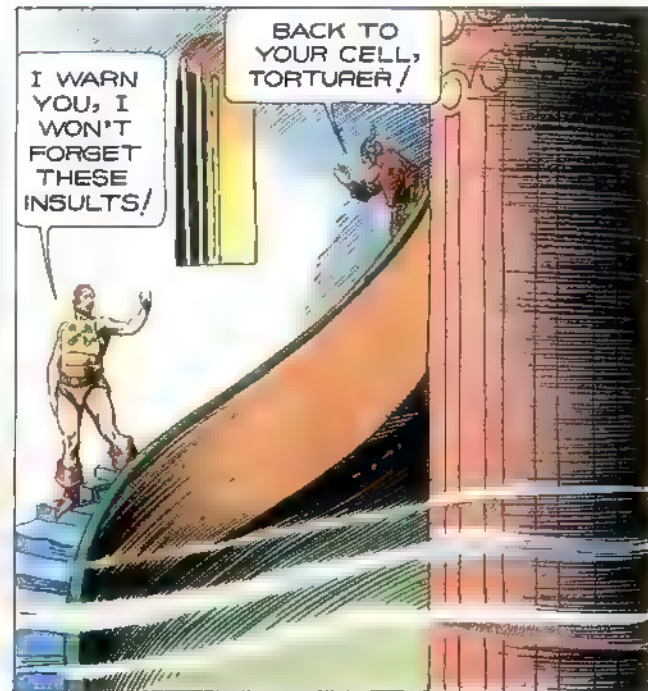
CAN WE TRUST HER?

NEXT WEEK:
WAR THREATS!

FLASH AND ZARKOV JOIN THE SEA-QUEEN'S ARMY, WHEN SHE PROMISES THEM THEIR FREEDOM.....



THE VENGEFUL PLUTON BURSTS INTO THE CONFERENCE-ROOM.....

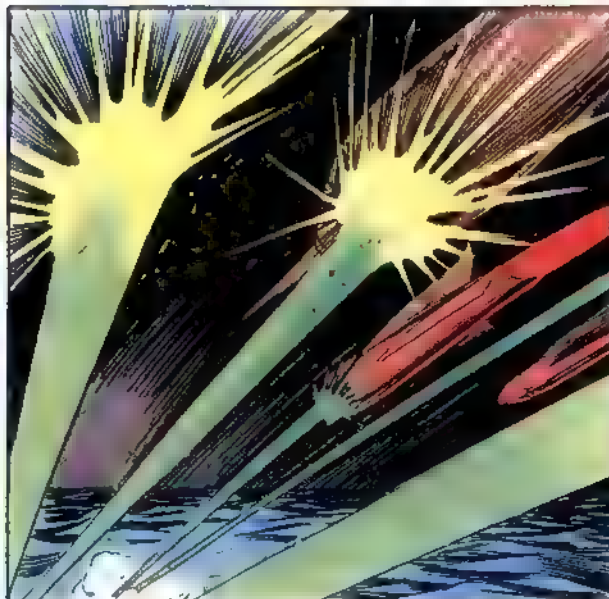
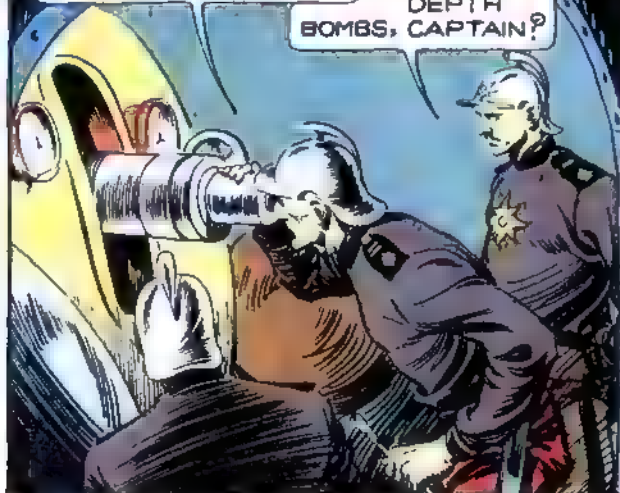


**NEXT WEEK:
SURPRISE ATTACK**

MING'S AIR FLEET APPROACHES THE UNDERSEA CITY OF CORALIA.....

THE "Z"-RAY LOCATED THEIR CITY, JUST AS WE EXPECTED!

SHALL WE RELEASE THE SUPER-DEPTH BOMBS, CAPTAIN?

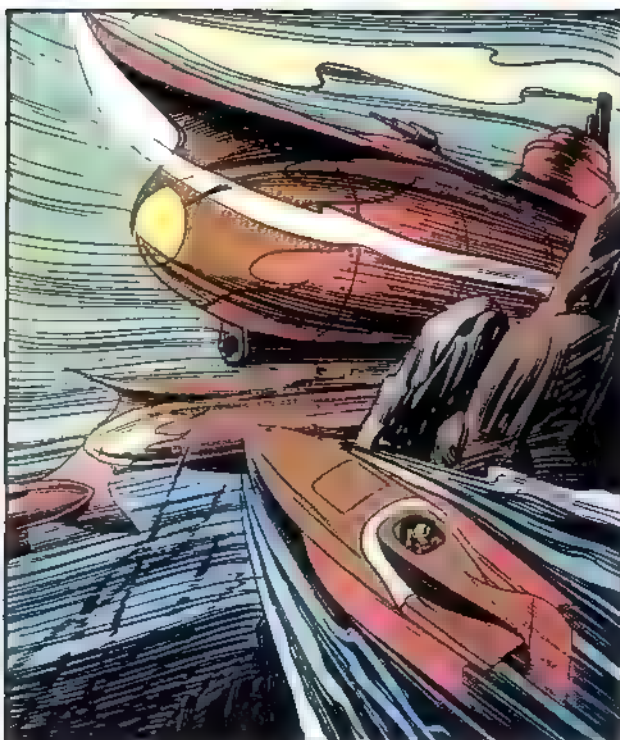
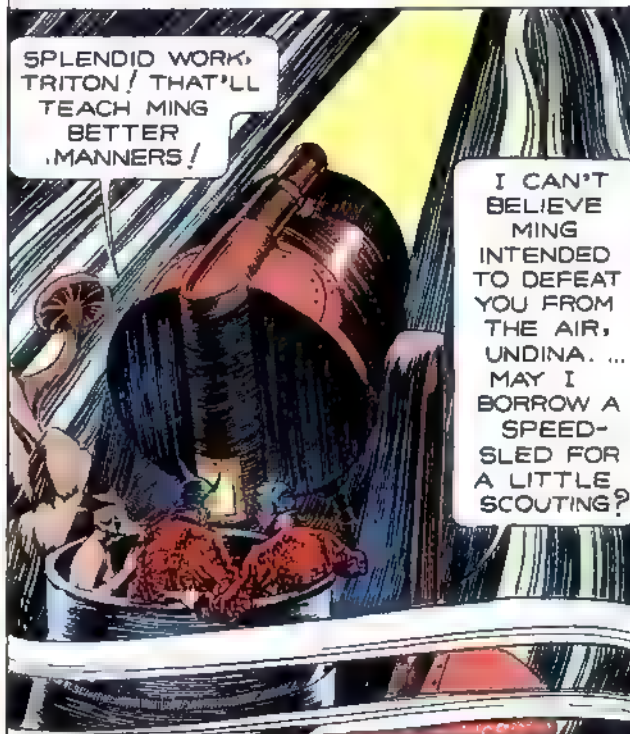


SUDDENLY, MAGNETO-RAYS FROM THE OCEAN DEPTHS SEIZE THE ROCKET SHIPS AND DRAG THEM TO THEIR DOOM!

FROM A LONELY OUTPOST ON THE SEA BOTTOM, QUEEN UNDINA GLOATS OVER HER VICTORY.....

SPLENDID WORK, TRITON! THAT'LL TEACH MING BETTER MANNERS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE MING INTENDED TO DEFEAT YOU FROM THE AIR, UNDINA... MAY I BORROW A SPEED- SLED FOR A LITTLE SCOUTING?



RACING AROUND CORALIA, FLASH RUNS INTO MING'S SUBMARINE FLEET!



RIDE 'IM, COWBOY!

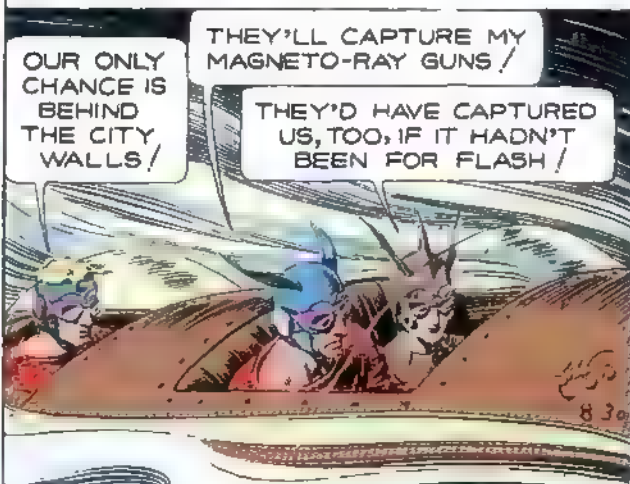
THE FLEET OPENS FIRE....THE SEA BOILS AND ROCKS UNDER MIGHTY EXPLOSIONS....FLASH ESCAPES, ZIGZAGGING WILDLY.....

FLASH PAUSES LONG ENOUGH TO RESCUE UNDINA AND TRITON, THEN DASHES FOR CORALIA.....

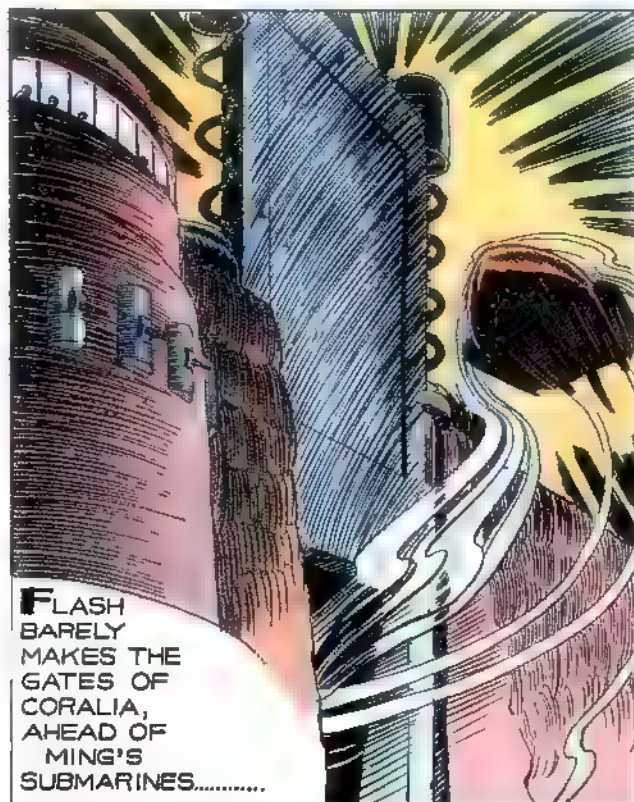
OUR ONLY CHANCE IS BEHIND THE CITY WALLS!

THEY'LL CAPTURE MY MAGNETO-RAY GUNS!

THEY'D HAVE CAPTURED US, TOO, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR FLASH!



~NEXT WEEK~
THE UNDERSEA SIEGE ~



FLASH
BARELY
MAKES THE
GATES OF
CORALIA,
AHEAD OF
MING'S
SUBMARINES.....

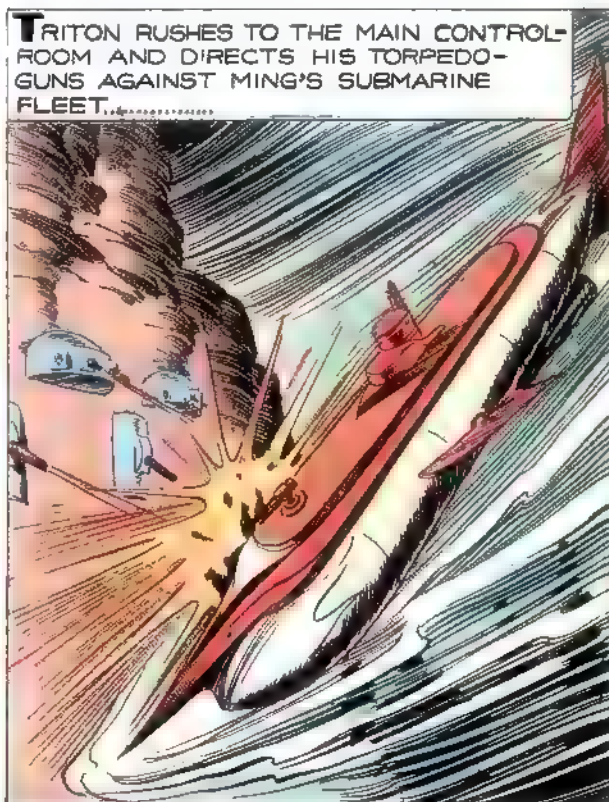
**AT THAT MOMENT, QUEEN UNDINA ENTERS
THE CONTROL-ROOM.....**

FLASH, YOUR SCOUTING
TRIP SAVED CORALIA.....
MING IS ROUTED....I AM
GRATEFUL!

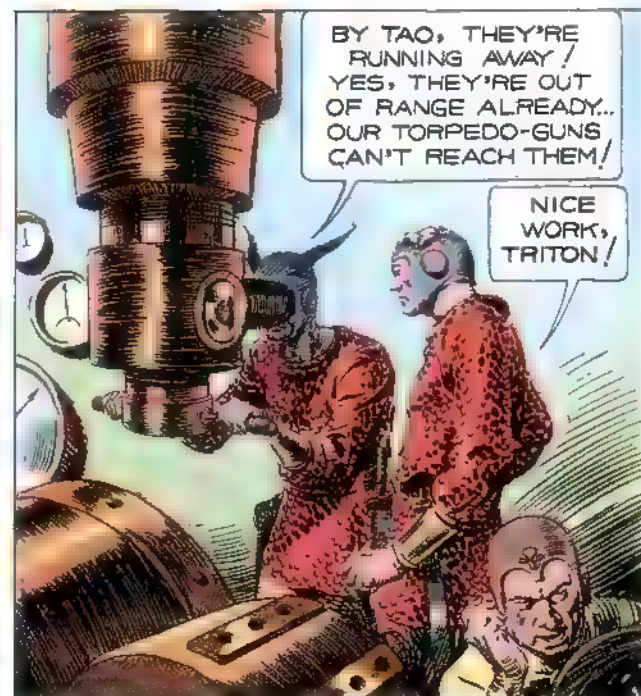
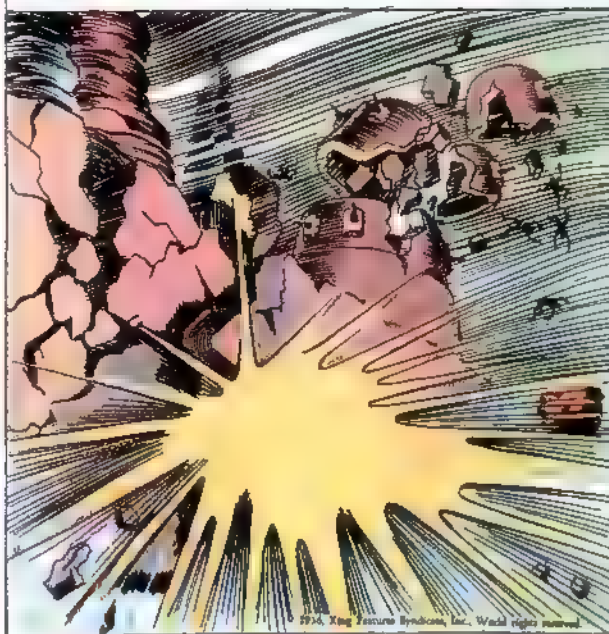
DON'T BE TOO
SURE THAT MING
HAS GIVEN UP
THE ATTACK!



**TRITON RUSHES TO THE MAIN CONTROL-
ROOM AND DIRECTS HIS TORPEDO-
GUNS AGAINST MING'S SUBMARINE
FLEET.....**



**A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION SHAKES CORALIA-
A SECTION OF ITS STOUT WALLS CRUMBLE**



BY TAO, THEY'RE
RUNNING AWAY!
YES, THEY'RE OUT
OF RANGE ALREADY..
OUR TORPEDO-GUNS
CAN'T REACH THEM!

NICE
WORK,
TRITON!

**MORE EXPLOSIONS ROCK
THE UNDERSEA CITY.....**

I'LL GET ZAR-
KOV....HE MAY
THINK OF
SOMETHING.....

THEY'RE BOM-
BARDING US
WITH TORPE-
DOES....AND
THEY'RE
OUT OF
RANGE
OF OUR
GUNS!

OUR
WALLS
CAN'T
STAND
THIS!



~ NEXT WEEK ~
FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE!

WE HAVE NO WEAPON THAT CAN REACH THEM.....

I'LL LEAD A COUNTER-ATTACK WITH SPEED SLEDS

NO...YOU'D HAVE NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS... WAIT...JUST HOW DO YOU HEAT AND COOL THE CITY?



MING'S SUBMARINES ARE BLASTING THE UNDER-SEA CITY WITH LONG-RANGE TORPEDOES.....

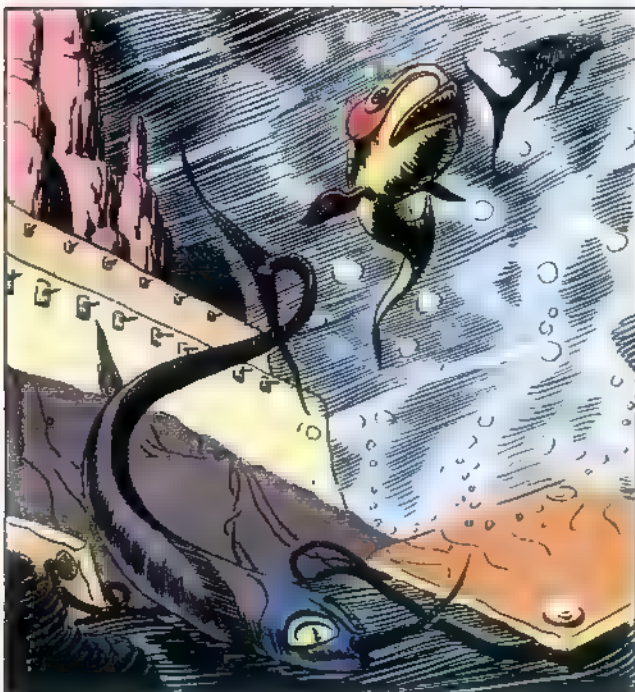
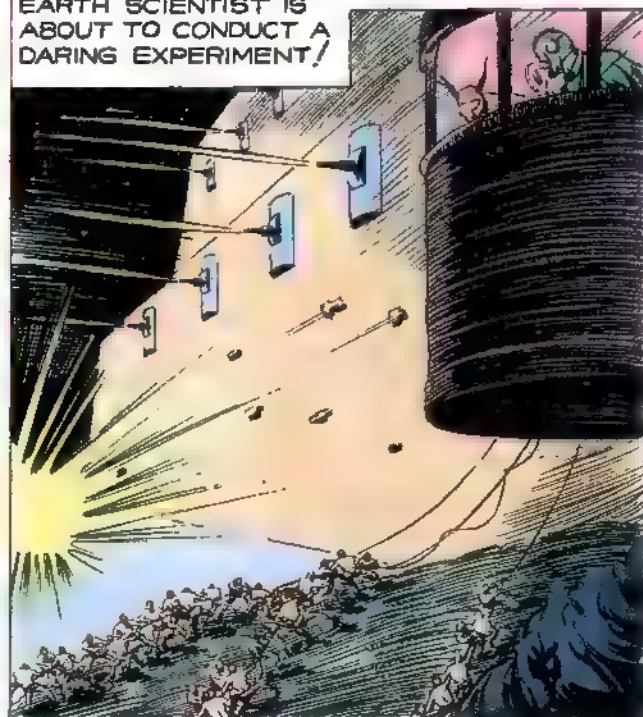
TRITON SHOWS THEM THE GIANT WATER-CONDITIONING PLANT.....



THIS KEEPS US COOL IN THE HOTTEST SUMMER.....

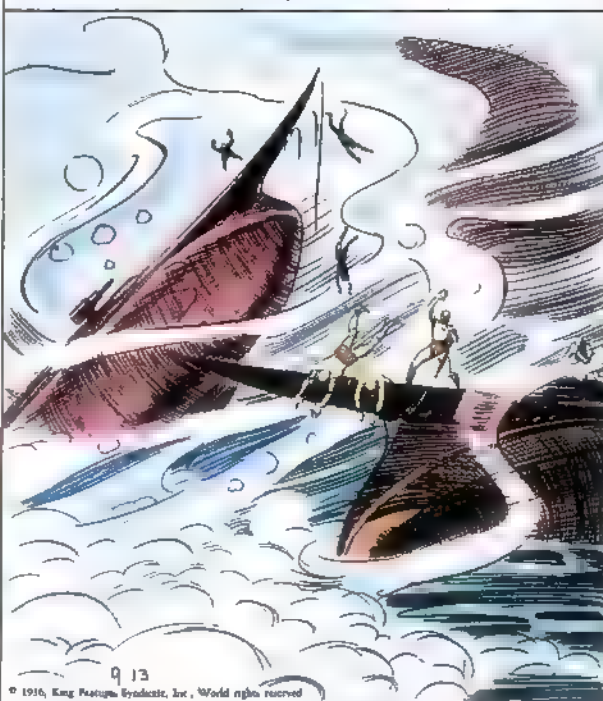
...AND THIS IS THE HEATING OUTFIT FOR WINTER?

AS ZARKOV, HIGH IN A CABLE CAR, BARKS DIRECTIONS THROUGH AN AQUAPHONE, MEN HAUL HUGE ELECTRIC CABLES FROM THE CITY TO THE SURROUNDING HILLS...THE EARTH SCIENTIST IS ABOUT TO CONDUCT A DARING EXPERIMENT!



WHILE THE WATER-COOLING PLANT RUNS FULL STRENGTH INSIDE CORALIA, HEAT IS POURED INTO THE WATER OUTSIDE.....

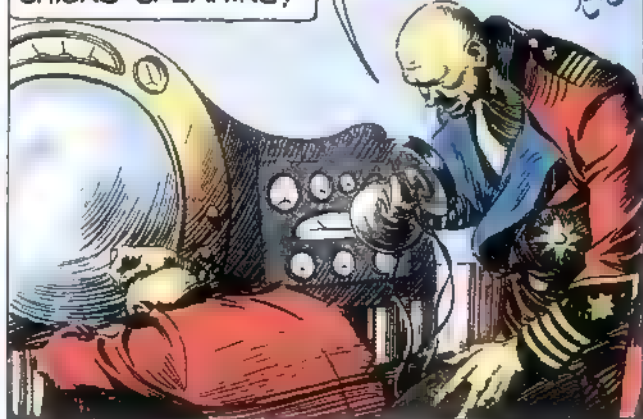
HORROR AND CONFUSION GRIP THE SUBMARINE FLEET, AS THE WATER AROUND THE CITY BEGINS TO BOIL.....



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THE PITIFUL REMNANTS OF MING'S FLEET RUN FOR THEIR LIVES!

ALL SHIPS.....BACK TO MING'S HARBOR, FULL SPEED/ ADMIRAL CHIUNG SPEAKING!



— NEXT WEEK —
TRIUMPH AND TREACHERY

JOY SWEEPS THE UNDERSEA CITY OF CORALIA AS MING'S SUBMARINE FLEET IS ROUTED.....



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AN OMINOUS NOTE CREEPS INTO THE ROYAL CELEBRATION.....

WHERE IS LORD PLUTON?
GENERAL TRITON, LORD PLUTON SENT FOR YOU...HE HAS DISCOVERED A PLOT AGAINST THE THRONE!

HE WAS TOO BUSY TO COME.....



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VERY QUEER....REMEMBER HOW PLUTON SWORE REVENGE ON TRITON AND UNDINA FOR FREEING US?

FLASH, PLEASE DON'T MIDDLE IN THEIR AFFAIRS....

YOU WAIT HERE....IF THERE'S A PLOT, PLUTON IS AT THE HEAD OF IT!



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AGAIN A MESSAGE COMES FROM PLUTON'S PRISON.....

YOUR MAJESTY, LORD PLUTON REQUESTS YOUR IMMEDIATE PRESENCE...VERY URGENT

DON'T INTERRUPT YOUR BANQUET... I'LL BE RIGHT BACK AFTER I SETTLE THIS NONSENSE!

SOMETHING'S FISHY, ZARKOV!



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SPYING ON PLUTON'S CELLS, FLASH SEES AN AMAZING SIGHT.....

YOU'LL DIE FOR THIS TREASON, PLUTON!

YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME DIE, UNDINA...I'LL KEEP YOU IN ETERNAL DARKNESS, WHILE I RULE CORALIA AND PUNISH THOSE THREE EARTHLINGS!



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**NEXT WEEK:
TREASON'S
REWARD**

SMASHING THE LOCK WITH HIS PISTOL, FLASH BURSTS INTO THE CELL WHERE PLUTON IS ABOUT TO TORTURE TRITON AND QUEEN UNDINA.....



DROP THAT, TORTURER!

FLASH! THANK TAO!

WITH PERFECT TIMING, FLASH HURLS HIMSELF AT PLUTON BEFORE THE MADDENED GIANT CAN BRING HIS HEAVY WEAPON INTO PLAY.....



THE CORNERED PLUTON HURLS HIS BURNING TORTURE TOOL AT FLASH..... AND FLASH'S GUN CLICKS HARMLESSLY, ITS LAST CHARGE EXHAUSTED!



FLASH, YOU SHALL HAVE ANYTHING IN MY KINGDOM FOR SAVING US....OH, TRITON, DARLING, I NEVER KNEW HOW MUCH I CARED FOR YOU 'TIL PLUTON THREATENED TO HURT YOU!



YOUR MAJESTY....UNDINA, MY LOVE...DO YOU MEAN THAT? WILL YOU MARRY ME?



I'LL CUT YOU IN HALF!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

PLUTON, KNOWING HE MUST CONQUER OR DIE A TRAITOR'S DEATH, SEIZES A HUGE AXE FROM THE TORTURE-RACK.....

UNDINA, I KNOW THE GREATEST REWARD YOU COULD GIVE TO FLASH....LET HIM AND DALE AND ZARKOV BECOME AIR BREATHERS

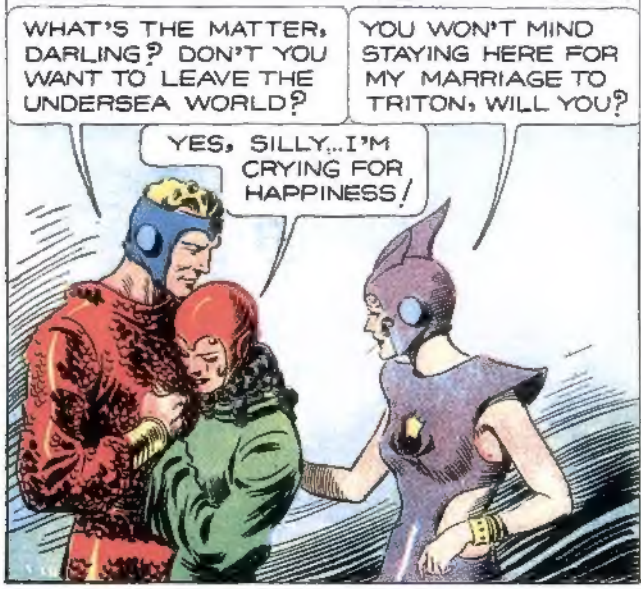
YES...WE WANTED TO KEEP HIM HERE, BUT NOW I PROMISE THAT HE SHALL RETURN TO THE AIR WORLD



IS IT POSSIBLE?

—NEXT WEEK—
STRANGE FREEDOM

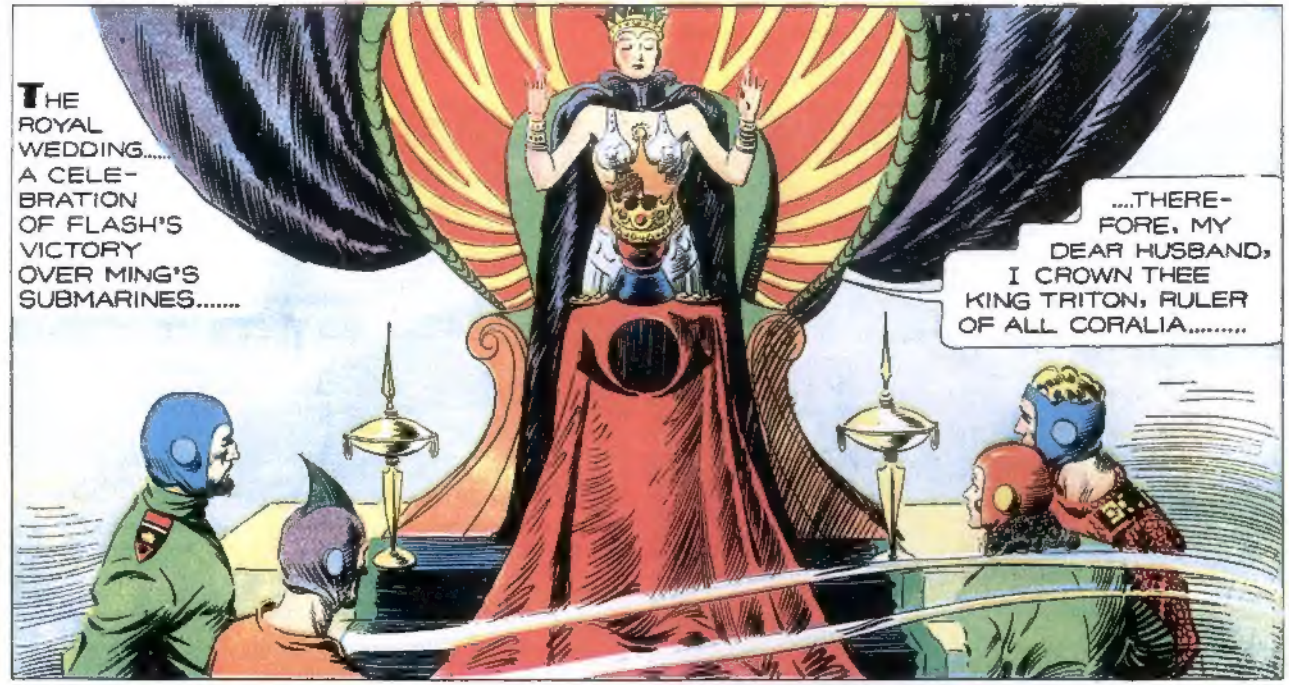
AMAZING NEWS....UNDINA PROMISES TO MAKE FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV NORMAL, AIR-BREATHING HUMANS AGAIN!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, DARLING? DON'T YOU WANT TO LEAVE THE UNDERSEA WORLD?

YES, SILLY...I'M CRYING FOR HAPPINESS!

YOU WON'T MIND STAYING HERE FOR MY MARRIAGE TO TRITON, WILL YOU?



THE ROYAL WEDDING.....
A CELEBRATION OF FLASH'S VICTORY OVER MING'S SUBMARINES.....

....THEREFORE, MY DEAR HUSBAND, I CROWN THEE KING TRITON, RULER OF ALL CORALIA.....

KING TRITON AND QUEEN UNDINA LEAD THE WAY TO THE CORAL ATOLL AFTER THE WEDDING.....



THERE, UNDER TRITON'S DIRECTION, BEGINS THE DELICATE AND COMPLEX PROCESS OF RESTORING THE LUNGS OF FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV TO NORMAL.....



AT LAST THE THREE EARTHLINGS CAN BREATHE AIR AGAIN!

NOTHING EVER TASTED BETTER!

THANK YOU, UNDINA... AND FORGIVE ME FOR DOUBTING YOU....

A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT! WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THE PRINCIPLE TO ME, TRITON?

GLAD TO, ZARKOV....

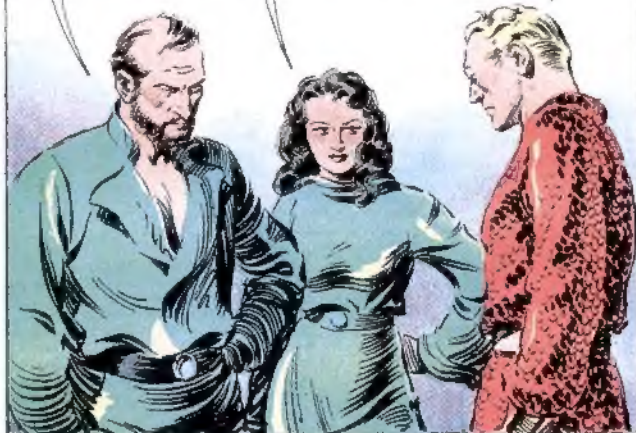
NEXT WEEK A SECRET FLIGHT

FREED FROM THE UNDERSEA WORLD, THE THREE EARTHLINGS FACE THE FUTURE.....

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE, FLASH?

DARLING, I'M SICK OF ADVENTURE AND DANGER...WHY CAN'T WE STAY HERE?

WE'D GET SICKER OF THIS TINY ISLAND.....



I'VE CHECKED EVERYTHING..... IT'S IN PERFECT ORDER.....

GOODBYE, UNDINA..... WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!

GOODBYE, TRITON....

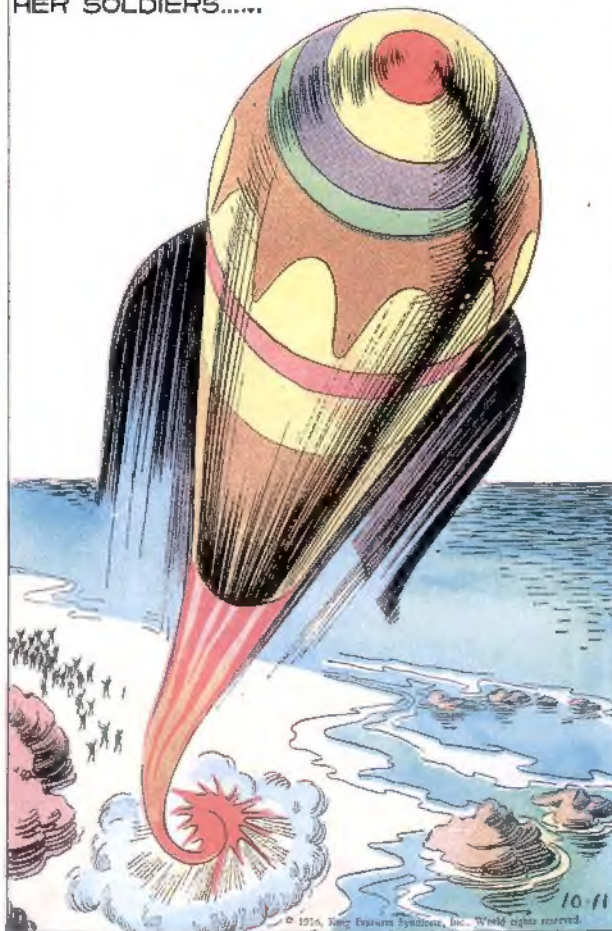


I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT USE ONE OF THE ROCKET SHIPS WE CAPTURED FROM MING.....

UNDINA, I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS.....

UNDINA MAKES THEM A PARTING GIFT.....

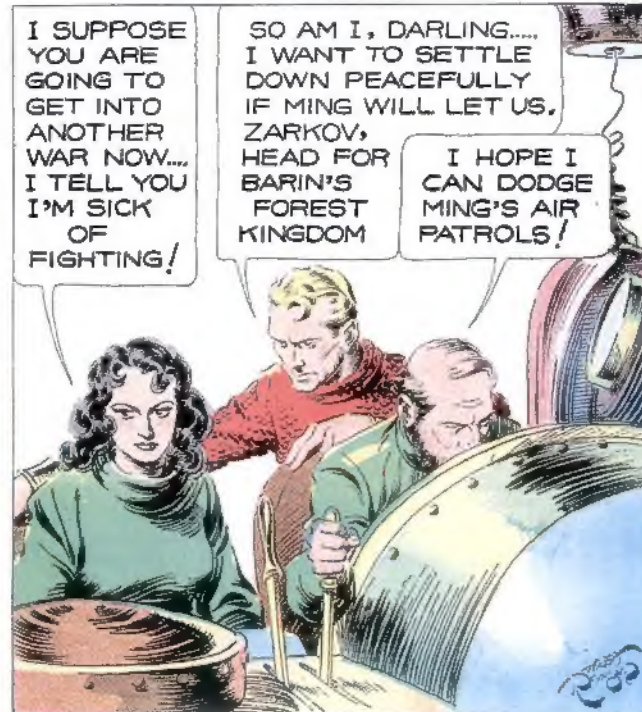
THE ROCKET SHIP ZOOMS SKYWARD TO THE FAREWELL CHEERS OF UNDINA AND HER SOLDIERS.....



I SUPPOSE YOU ARE GOING TO GET INTO ANOTHER WAR NOW.... I TELL YOU I'M SICK OF FIGHTING!

SO AM I, DARLING.... I WANT TO SETTLE DOWN PEACEFULLY IF MING WILL LET US, ZARKOV, HEAD FOR BARIN'S FOREST KINGDOM

I HOPE I CAN DODGE MING'S AIR PATROLS!



NEXT
— WEEK —

**DEATH ABOVE
THE CLOUDS~**